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Drowning ruled

Hancock County Coroner Norma Stiglet has ruled accidental drowning as the cause of death of a Picayune woman who was pulled out of the Jourdan River at McLeod Park last Tuesday.

Monica Jenkins, 26, had been spending the day at the popular water park with some friends, and a boater noticed her body slumped in the water.

Stennis honors moon landing

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of Apollo 11, the first time Americans landed on the moon, NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center will host a day of "space fun," beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20.

For more information or to schedule a group, contact the Stennis Space Center Visitor's Center at 1-800-237-1821 (select option 1) in Mississippi.

Stennis will also celebrate women's roles in the American space program, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Monday.

More than 250 Girl Scouts from Mississippi and Louisiana will be on hand throughout the evening to take part in a variety of planned events.

Civitan seeks its alumni

Civitan Camp for Citizens with Mental Retardation will host a reunion night dinner at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 23, at Camp Iti Kana near Wiggins.

For dinner reservations or further information call Mary Loughman at 601-268-9219.

TIDES

| DAY | HIGH | LOW |
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| Mon. | 9:41 a. | 1:33 p. |
| Tues. | 8:21 a. | 8:37 p. |
| Wed. | 8:20 a. | 8:04 p. |
| Thurs. | 8:42 a. | 8:23 p. |
| Fri. | 9:13 a. | 8:54 p. |
| Sat. | 9:50 a. | 9:28 p. |
| Sun. | 10:28 a. | 10:04 p. |

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Chemical spill off I-10



Hancock County Fire Marshal Richard Pate talks to television reporters at the scene behind boundaries after yesterday's spill. Below: Emergency crews work to clean up the spilled epicure, a toxic, corrosive substance used by oil companies.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Evacuation forced after trucks collide

BY GEOFF BELCHER

Emergency crews worked more than 14 hours, the roads were blocked for much of the day and the Mississippi Welcome Center was evacuated Thursday after a toxic chemical spill that occurred on Hwy. 607 near I-10 and the entrance to Stennis Space Center.

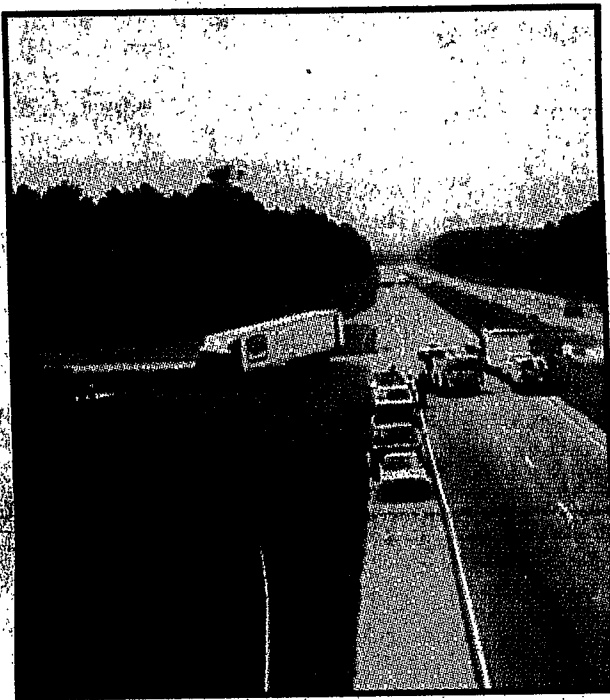
The spill was caused by a collision between two tractor-trailers at around 11 a.m. Thursday.

"We have at the moment a little diesel fuel pouring out of

one of the trucks, and ... the (KLLM) truck was carrying about 82 fifty-five gallon drums of a chemical called epicure," Hancock County Fire Marshal Richard Pate said at the scene Thursday. "It's very toxic and it's very corrosive."

"It can cause a lot of skin irritation, and irritate your eyes, throat and lungs if you inhale it. At this time, we think we've got a couple of barrels that've been ... crushed or spilled."

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Hancock landfill stalled, but just next door, debate is continuing

Pass mayor: Site selection next

BY ED LEPOMA

While Hancock County's landfill plans are stalled, neighboring Harrison County took a giant step this week to build a new one.

The county Solid Waste District voted Thursday to enter into a 20-year contract with Southern Pines Inc., which promised the district it could have a new landfill permitted and built within the next two years.

Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald, who serves as chairman of the district, said the next step is for the Harrison County Board of Supervisors to select the exact site on a 360-acre plot of timberland that

Southern Pines owns near the Harrison-Stone County border.

The district would then buy the necessary acreage, then deed it over to Southern Pines, which would permit, build and operate the landfill.

McDonald said Southern Pine's offer was a far better offer of four firms which were bidding for the contract. He said the new contract will result in lower garbage rates for Harrison residents within two years.

Waste Management Inc. currently has the contract to dispose of Harrison's solid waste, and is charging \$16.43 a ton to haul the garbage to its Pecan Grove site off Menge

Avenue. But that site is filling up, mainly because it is accepting garbage from New Orleans.

Waste Management wants to expand its 78-acre site by another 215 acres, but Harrison County's Board of Supervisors is opposed to that. And last week supervisors literally zoned out any expansion of Pecan Grove when they singled out the Pecan Grove site in a land-use plan they adopted prior to passing the county's first-ever Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Rather than grandfathering in the entire 1,200-acre Pecan Grove site as an "industrial area" suitable for a landfill, the land-use plan limited the

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Search on for port deputy

BY ED LEPOMA

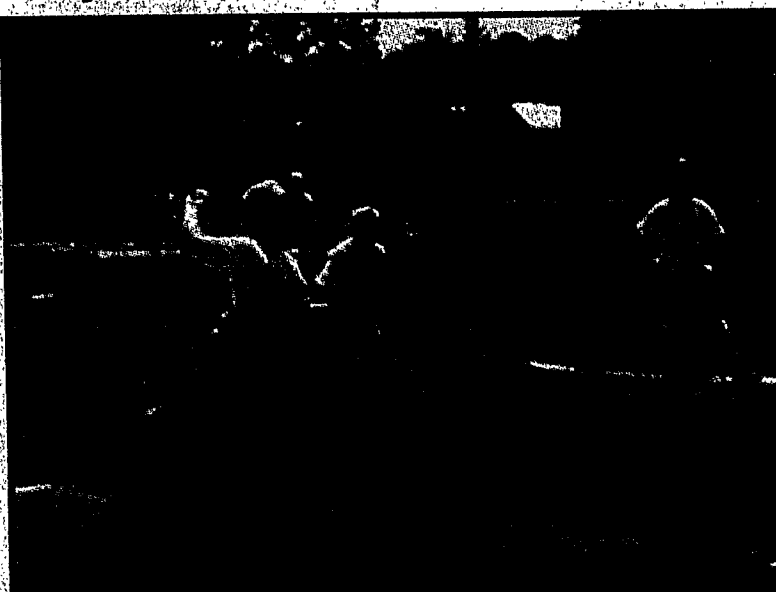
Hancock County's Port and Harbor Commission is looking for a deputy director.

P&H Executive Director Hal Walters said the candidate selected will have the same duties as the previous deputy, Bill Stovall, who recently resigned. Mainly, his responsibilities will be to assist in the marketing of Port Bienville and Stennis International Airport.

In its advertisement running in local newspapers, the Commission is looking for ex-

DIRECTOR--PAGE 3A

Play ball



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
Bay St. Louis All-Star Miles Corbit pitches a strike against a Brandon batter Friday at the Bay Athletic Drive Complex during the first game of the state Babe Ruth 9-year-old All-Star Tournament held this weekend.

Hancock to receive \$2 million

Shoreline residents will get clean water

BY ED LEPOMA

Clear, clean and safer drinking water will soon be coming to some residents of Shoreline Park, where more and more homes are being connected to the sewerage system.

Federal officials, congressional representatives and county officials gathered Friday afternoon for a brief reception to announce the awarding of the latest grant to Hancock County's Water and Sewer District.

It had already been learned that the United States Agriculture Department, through its Rural Development program, had selected Hancock County as one of four Mississippi towns and counties to receive initial grants under President Clinton's nationwide Water 2000 Initiative.

Hancock's funding was among the largest, with the USDA Rural Development providing an outright grant of \$1,224,700 and a low-interest 35-year loan of another \$855,100.

The funds will be used to dig a deep well, build an elevated storage tank and provide water to between 500 and 600 residents of Shoreline Park. Residents of the subdivision located off Hwy. 603 all obtain drinking water from private, individual wells, which are primarily in the shallow water table.

Bill Simpson, state director of the Rural Development program in Jackson, said he grew

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USM offers \$1M grant

BY ED LEPOMA

U.S. Sen. Trent Lott has announced a grant of almost \$1 million to benefit a regional center for the transfer of manufacturing technology at the Stennis Space Center.

The funding will allow the University of Southern Mississippi to continue providing manufacturing extension services which assist small and medium-sized manufacturers with less than 500 employees make technological changes in order to strengthen their competitiveness.

The grant of \$969,240 comes from the United States Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"This program encourages small and medium-size manufacturing development and gives these companies access to modern tools that are essential to succeed in today's highly competitive marketplace," Lott said. "Small companies are the nucleus of our growing economy, especially in Mississippi. While this initiative will strengthen existing business, I also believe it can provide the building blocks for additional manufacturing jobs in our state."

Regional manufacturing development centers, located in each state across the country, are the result of the Omnibus Trade Act of 1988. In Mississippi, the regional center serves firms

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Sportsman club to host kid rodeo

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

The 15th Gulf Coast Sportsman Club Kids Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The rodeo is open for boys and girls ages 13 and under, according to Shorty Karl, chairman.

The rodeo headquarters will be at Pavilion No. 1 at Buccaneer State Park, Beach Boulevard, Waveland.

Registration is free, and forms will be available at the rodeo headquarters until 2 p.m. rodeo day, or at Sam Perniciaro's Garage, Old Spanish Trail.

In the freshwater division, prizes will be awarded for the largest green trout (bass) and perch.

Prizes will awarded in the saltwater division for the largest speckled trout, redfish, white trout, flounder, croaker, ground mullet and largest fish.

A king fisherman and queen fisherette will be selected from ages 8-13.

"The rodeo's officials will not be responsible for undersized fish," warned Perniciaro, club president.

"No undersized fish will be

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS P. CLARKE
EDWARD W. ELLIS
LILLIE BELLE HART
FRANCES MARIE BELL
KROST
AARON E. SMITH III

THOMAS P. CLARKE
 Thomas Philip Clarke, 85, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, July 13, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Clarke was born Oct. 11, 1913, in Bay St. Louis and was a resident of St. Louis Mo. for 39 years. He had been a resident of Bay St. Louis since 1979 and was a retired lawyer. He was a member of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was a member of the Hancock County Branch of NAACP and was the organizer of the branch's annual Black History Oratorical Contest for youths.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff Clarke and Adele Beard Clarke; a brother, Jeff Clarke; and a sister, Genevieve Raboteau.

Survivors include his wife, May V. Clarke of Bay St. Louis; three daughters, Anne-Marie Clarke, Denise Levison and Thomasina Clarke, all of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister Clothilde Benoit of Bay St. Louis; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, followed by burial in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Lockett-Williams' Mortuary in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to the Hancock County Branch NAACP, Black History Month Oratorical Contest, P.O. Box 125, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

EDWARD W. ELLIS

Edward Wayne Ellis, 51, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, July 15, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Ellis was a native of Montgomery, Md. and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past three years. He was a Baptist and was employed by Wellman, Inc. as a first class operator.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Benjamin and Olga Marie Mavars Ellis; and a brother, Kenny Ellis.

Survivors include his wife, Joleen Ellis of Bay St. Louis; three daughters, Wendy LaFontaine, Tami Garcia and Michelle Williams, all of Bay St. Louis; four stepdaughters, Stacey Lyons and Stephanie Burch, both of Virginia; Tiffany Goff of Gulfport, and Sarah Goff of Bay St. Louis; a stepson, Robert Goff of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Diane Garrison of Calverton, Va., and nine grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. No services will be held.

LILLIE BELLE HART

Lillie Belle Sorrels Hart, 92, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, July 16, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Hart, a native of Clayborn County, Miss. and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis, was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. She retired as a school teacher with 41 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Christian (Chris) Hart; her parents, Sidney and Lillian Perkins Sorrels; two brothers, Aubert Sorrels, Sr. and Everett Sorrels, Sr.; three sisters, Edith Sorrels, Vivian Reeves and Myrtle Taylor.

Survivors include a daughter, Christine Chiniche of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Sidney Sorrels of Mechanicsville, Md.; four sisters, Annie Laurie Boren, Virginia Seawright and Lilian Mangum, all of Vicksburg, and Cathleen Harmon of Port Gibson, Miss.

Visitation will be today, 7-10 p.m. with a prayer service at 8 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Services will be conducted Monday, July 19, 11 a.m. in Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis where friends may call an hour prior to service time.

Interment will follow in Evergreen Gardens Cemetery in Gulfport.

FRANCES MARIE BELL KROST

Frances Marie Bell Krost, 74, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, July 17, 1999, in Gulfport, Ms.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

AARON E. SMITH III

Aaron E. Smith III, 58, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, July 7, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Smith was an Air Force veteran and a member of Power House of Deliverance in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louise Lee and Aaron E. Smith Jr.

Survivors include a brother, George R. Smith of Texas; and four sisters, Mary F. Graves and Cecile A. Adkins, both of Fontana, Calif.; Terricena S. Thacker of Lancaster, Calif.; and Carliss A. Smith of Los Angeles.

Services were conducted Friday at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

Registration for 1999-2000 school year scheduled

All students expecting to attend Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools in the 1999-2000 school year will need to register at the school to which they are assigned.

Registration will be July 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. with staff available on Thursday, July 28, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Students report for their first full day of school Friday, Aug. 6.

Students who do not know which school they are to attend should call the central office at 467-6632.

Students who enter first grade must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1999; kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before that date.

Each new student must bring to registration the certificate of immunization from the Health Department or local physician, a copy of their birth certificate, and their social Security Number.

A report card or other record of grade placement are necessary to make official grade level assignment.

New students enrolled in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland schools will not be permitted

to register unless residency has been verified through proper documentation.

Parents must provide the school with a copy of two of the following items for verification of residency:

Filed Homestead Exemption application form; mortgage documents or property deed; apartment or home lease; utility bills; driver's license listing present address; voter precinct identification; automobile registration; or an affidavit of residence.

Returning students who have moved since the previous school year must provide two proofs of residence upon registration.

No student will be permitted to attend classes until all registration forms have been completed and properly signed.

All students will report for a full day of school Friday, Aug. 6 at the following times: Bay High School (7-12) 7:25 a.m.; all elementary schools (K-6) 8:05 a.m.

Bus information will be posted at each school during registration. Parents with questions about busing should contact Laidlaw at 466-9002 or 467-9023.

'Crossroads of the Heart' at the Pass Christian Library

Crossroads of the Heart: Creativity and Tradition in Mississippi, a traveling exhibit that explores the wide range of traditional art forms found in the state, is on display at the Pass Christian Library until Aug. 13.

The exhibit, developed and sponsored by the Mississippi Arts Commission, highlights traditional art forms found in the state and the people who create them.

It features five central themes: maritime traditions, handmade objects, music, quilting and the oral tradition.

The exhibit consists of six self-standing panels and a pair of free-standing pedestals which display information on each of the stated themes through photographs, text, and examples of objects created by the featured artists.

Accompanying the panels is a touch-screen computer kiosk. It provides information on specific artists and craftspeople who carry on the traditions featured in the exhibit.

The show is available to the public during regular library hours. Groups call 452-4596 to schedule a tour.

Symphony plans 'season of firsts'

The Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra has announced plans for the 1999-2000 season. This will be the first season under conductor John Strickler, the newly appointed music director.

For his inaugural season, Dr. Strickler has planned "A Season of Firsts," which includes several premiere events. Among the featured composers are Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Elgar, Sibelius and Copland.

Season tickets for four concerts range from \$50 to \$75 and are available by calling the symphony office at 228-875-2310.

The season opens Saturday, Sept. 18 with Beethoven's immortal 5th Symphony. The program also includes Schubert's Overture to "Rosamunde" and internationally acclaimed violinist Sharan Leventhal performing the First Concerto of Max Bruch.

The second concert on Saturday, Nov. 13 features the young Russian/American pianist Daniel Beliaevsky performing Tchaikovsky's ever-

popular Piano Concerto No. 1. "The Moldau" by Smetana and the Gulf Coast premiere of "Sinfonia" by Croatian composer Frano Prarac round out the program.

The symphony rings in the New Year Saturday, Jan. 8 with a concert featuring bass baritone Stephen Salters, winner of the 1999 Naumburg International Competition.

Salters will perform songs by Aaron Copland, George Gershwin and Cole Porter. The symphony will also present the world premiere of a new work written by Robert Aldridge to commemorate the Gulf Coast Tricentennial.

The program concludes with Elgar's time-honored "Enigma Variations."

The season concludes on Saturday, April 8 with Symphony No. 1 by Jean Sibelius. The program opens with "Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten" by Arvo Paert and includes the Flute Concerto No. 2 by Mozart.

Soloist for the Mozart will be Donald Peck, principal flute of the Chicago Symphony for 42 years.

The Gulf Coast Symphony is sponsored in part by the Mississippi Arts Commission and the Knight Foundation.

For information, contact the symphony office at (228) 875-2310.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure testing on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

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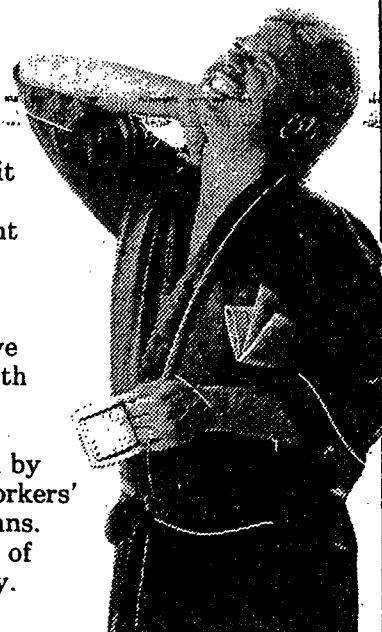
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Excellence in the Arts nominees sought

The Mississippi Arts Commission is seeking nominations for recipients of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts in the year 2000.

The awards, presented annually by the Commission and Governor's Office, recognize those who work on behalf of the arts and have significantly contributed to the growth and development of the cultural life of Mississippi.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment. The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

said Betsy Bradley, commission executive director.

Awards are presented to outstanding writers, artists, performers and craftsmen who have made significant and lasting contributions through their work as well as to corporations or organizations on the basis of their dedication to arts advancement.

Previous winners have included author Eudora Welty, BellSouth, actor Morgan Freeman, gospel and rock legend Pops Staples, country music star Marty Stuart and artist Marshall Boudin.

A panel of judges representing all aspects of the arts will select the winners, who will be honored at an awards ceremony in March 2000.

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual or organization should complete the requirements of the nomination form.

To get a form, call or write the Mississippi Arts Commission, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 207, Jackson, MS 39201, 601-359-6030.

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Prevou family reunion

The family of the late Edwin T. and Rose Colson Prevou of Bay St. Louis held a family reunion July 3 at Buccaneer State Park, Waveland. Children and descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Prevou attending were sons Henry J. Prevou of Bay St. Louis; Sheldon Prevou of New Orleans; Irvin Prevou of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and descendants of the late Edwin T. Prevou Jr. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prevou, Margaret Casias, resides in San Antonio, Texas and was unable to attend. This was the first family reunion in 25 years for the Prevou family.

Steel Pony Express takes to the road November 7 benefiting Children's Hospital

Join the Steel Pony Express™ charity motorcycle ride Sunday, Nov. 7 to benefit Children's Hospital.

This year's event has

Cheerleader fun camp

The Hancock High School cheerleaders will hold a Cheerleading Fun Camp Saturday, July 24, for first through sixth grades.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the school's Commons, and the camp will end at 4 p.m. Fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Prizes and awards will be given.

For information, call Teresa A. Vince at 467-7397 or 466-4525.

County employees eligible for free Nicotrol patches

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County employees who want to quit smoking can now get free Nicotrol patches.

Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar made the offer at a Board of Supervisors meeting last week when he mentioned he had stockpiled six-week Nicotrol kits, courtesy of Johnny Richard of Kiln.

Richard, a former smoker, attended a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention recently, and learned there was a program that provides the quit-smoking patches free of charge to Mississippians.

Kellar said he had about 100 kits in storage at his office, and they are available to all county employees who come to his office and request them.

He said the county's insurer has indicated overall insurance rates for county employees might drop if more people quit smoking.

Kellar estimated he has already distributed about a dozen of the kits, and at the School District all of the women smokers in the administrative offices are trying the patches.

Pass teachers, staff will receive raises

BY ED LEPOMA

About 110 teachers in the Pass Christian School District will receive \$500 raises in addition to an average eight percent hike the state will provide them this year.

District business manager Marsha Garziano said the administrative staff, along with bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other support personnel were also included in the \$500 pay bonus.

The Pass Christian School District unveiled its budget this week for the fiscal year that began July 1. It projects spending \$18.6 million and revenues of \$11.9 million.

The school district has carried over several million dollars from a \$10.1 million bond referendum approved by voters in 1997 to continue improvements at schools this fiscal year.

A total \$1.5 million is earmarked to complete construc-

tion of the new high school opening this August. And, \$1.1 million has been set aside for building a track around the present football field and to build a baseball field and two softball fields north of the new high school.

Another \$2.8 million will be used to renovate the old high school on Second Street, which will become the middle school in January.

Garziano said the school district plans to hire 10 additional teachers, but the new positions will not require a tax raise. The new hiring is made possible through a \$54,000 federal grant aimed at reducing class sizes, she said.

Garziano said the district also expects an enrollment increase next year, which will mean additional state revenues. It also expects to collect between \$100,000 and \$200,000 through growth in the property tax base.

www.steelponyexpress.com.

For information, call 504-828-RIDE.

Central Avenue intersections to be detoured Tuesday

Traffic will be detoured around the intersection of Central Avenue and Nicholson Avenue in Waveland Tuesday, July 20. Mississippi Power Company crews will be working to upgrade lines around the intersection for approximately six hours beginning around 7:30 a.m.

"We appreciate the city working with us on rerouting traffic so we can complete this project as efficiently and with as little inconvenience as possible," said Kurt Brautigam, Mississippi Power spokesman.

"We're changing out lines in the area and won't have to take an outage, but in order to

Long Beach to host championship

Long Beach High School baseball field will be the site of the 13-15 State Babe Ruth Championship tournament.

The games will begin Friday, July 23rd.

The eight district champions from across the state will compete in the double elimination format.

The winner of the state tournament will advance to the Regional Championship tournament to be held in Plano, Texas.

The tournament games will begin at noon with four games scheduled for that day.

Bay St. Louis, District Six Champion, will play its first game at 5pm on Friday, July 23rd.

For more information, please call Fred Walker at 863-8535.

St. Vincent Thrift Store

St. Clare Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon.

All proceeds benefit the needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0703.

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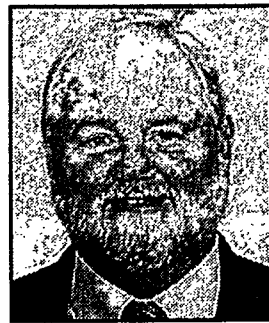


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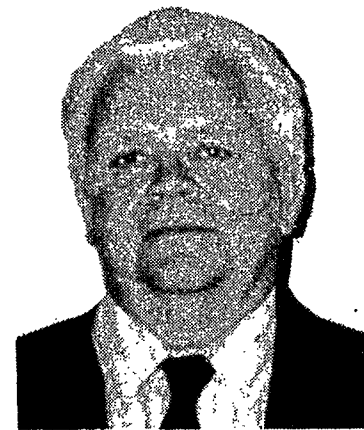
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Pd Pol Adv by Thomas "Tom" Williams

Present Supervisor District 4 Report Card '95-'99

1. Pay Raises- first 6mos. in office. County workers small or none. **F**
2. Bond Issue- Over \$5 million for road paving. Using other materials instead of blacktop. Over \$1 million for federally Mandated Juvenile Detention Center. Paid out-of-town architect \$80,000 then fired him. Still no detention Center. Taxpayers in debt until 2017 for Bond Issue. **F**
3. 400% Tax Increase **F**
4. Voted Away Authority. Didn't accept responsibility given him by voters to represent them. **F**
5. Zoning-Political Manipulation. **F**

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perience in at least two of the following areas: railroads, airports, industrial parks, construction or economic development.

Walters said he has already interviewed about five candidates, and is also looking within his organization. He said he would like to hire someone who is local.

Starting salary being offered is between \$50,000 and \$60,000, depending on education and experience.

The P&H recently hired Bill Cotter away from New Orleans Lakefront Airport to manage the Stennis Airport. And, Susan Pursley has been hired as office manager.

Walters said Jerry Hemphill will continue as the day-to-day manager of Port Bienville and is also in charge of talking with aero-space firms which might be interested in locating at a new industrial park that will be built at Stennis Space Center.

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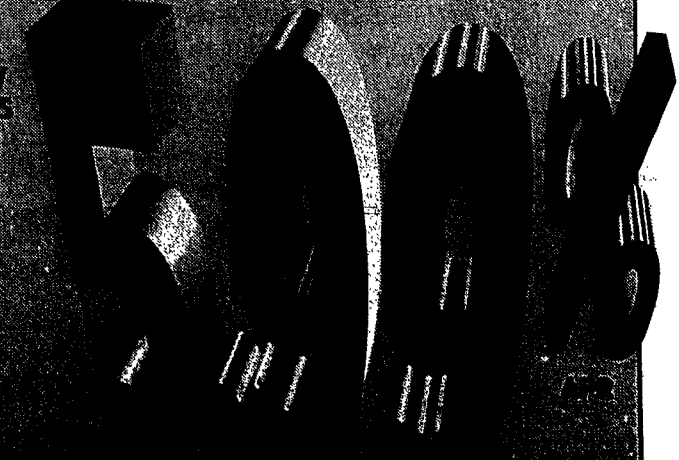
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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

The Bay St. Louis Sports Complex was all 'spic and span,' as the saying goes, for the state Babe Ruth age 9-10 All-Star Tournament Championship games which began on Friday morning and end this weekend.

Bay Parks and Playgrounds Director Gus McKay and his crews did a tremendous job in preparing for the tournament.

It was so good to see no litter anywhere in the area.

Local league officials need to be proud of that, because their leadership helps in promoting a litter-free environment at the boys' playing field.

I have been told that Bay St. Louis is being considered by Babe Ruth officials for more tournament opportunities in the future.

Teams participating in this week's play were from such places as Oxford, Meridian, Brandon, Stone County, Biloxi, Gulfport, etc.

Many of these teams and followers are staying at local motels and are also eating at our various restaurants, and this brings revenue to our community and its people.

This also goes along with the good will created in the way our visitors are treated by the local Babe Ruth League and City of Bay St. Louis officials.

Keep up the good work, McKay and crews.

By the way, several weeks down the road the Bay St. Louis Sports Complex will be used for a regional Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournament.

It is good to see our city welcoming folks from across the area to come visit and see what our communities have to offer.

One must remember, in the eyes of a youngster, they will always remember the good things which happen to them when they are out of their respective areas.

Thursday night there was a Babe Ruth banquet held at the Hancock County Civic Center in which there were some 400-plus youngsters and adults in attendance. The majority of these were from out of town.

It is good to see our community moving forward.

Motorists traveling in Waveland need to be reminded about traffic being rerouted on Tuesday at the intersection of Nicholson and Central avenues beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Mississippi Power officials estimate it will take approximately six hours to complete their task of upgrading the lines at the intersection.

There should be no power outages due to the work.

The intersection will remain open if there is inclement weather forcing postponement of the project.

Waveland is working with Mississippi Power in helping to reroute traffic. Detour signs will be designating alternate routes.

Charles Gray, president of the Hancock County Historical Society reports that he still has bricks to sell for the Tercentennial Monument in Bay St. Louis.

The bricks are at \$50 each, and each brick may have up to three lines and up to fourteen characters (including spaces).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article on MEMA, trailers one-sided

Dear Editor:

The front page article (MEMA stands tough on trailers) in The Sea Coast Echo July 15 paper is very one-sided. First of all, a 60-day extension was fine with MEMA if the local government granted a variance.

This is a 75-year-old widow with four mentally and physically handicapped adults who have lived in this community all their lives. Their home burned down after the hurricane damaged it. They received an SBA loan to rebuild. Due to paperwork and the shortage of workmen after the storm it took longer than anticipated.

The facts boil down to that the Holden family by this local government was not a hardship case until the trailers were removed. Then the Board of Supervisors granted an extension. In fact, the contract to remove the trailers was not up until July 9 (180 days). The trailers were removed July 6.

There were no problems with FEMA, MEMA, U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor's office or U.S. Sen. Trent Lott's office. And, of

course, they were approached along with the Governor's office. They are voted in to represent the people of their jurisdictions.

Let's get to the facts that these were two travel trailers to house this family, and they only asked for a 60-day extension. Why were they treated so badly? Their age and disabilities should have been a factor.

After numerous letters, phone calls, personal appearances and replacement of lost paper work to local government, the variance was granted, but the trailers were unpacked of their belongings, which took a lot of effort. With all the pleading and correspondence with local officials this exhausting situation is over.

The Holdens can stay with family and endure the hardship until they can move back on their own property.

I wonder how Jackson County would have handled this.

Linda Peterson
Gulfport

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the Letters to the Editor columns.

—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher

Now consumers can tell it to the FTC — toll-free

A product you bought through an Internet auction months ago still hasn't been delivered. A newspaper ad offers "Guaranteed Loans" but requires a fee up front. A fabulous prize offer comes in the mail, but requires a fee before you can claim it. A scholarship service promises easy money for college — as long as you send in a check.

Sounds familiar? The Federal Trade Commission says even wary and sophisticated consumers face a barrage of fraudulent offers every day. The FTC ought to know: last year, the agency logged in over 60,000 complaints from consumers.

Now, the FTC is making it easier — and cheaper — for consumers to report a fraud to the law enforcement agency through a toll-free consumer help line, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357). The line is staffed by counselors 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, the toll-free number offers consumers a two-fer. It makes the agency more accessible to consumers who want to report a fraud, and it makes their valuable com-

plaint data available to law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada.

"That's important because fraud has moved beyond the front porch to cyberspace and all points in between," Bernstein said.

Consumer fraud complaints to the FTC are entered into a database that is available to nearly 200 law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada. They use it to spot fraudulent activity, trends and wrong-doers — and stop them.

"Through the toll-free help line, consumers can get helpful information on the spot," Bernstein said. "Obviously the FTC can't intervene in individual disputes, but consumer complaint information is crucial to the enforcement of consumer protection laws."

The information that consumers get on a particular issue also lessens the likelihood that they'll be scammed again. Education is a powerful consumer protection.

To report a complaint or get free information, call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP, visit www.ftc.gov, or write FTC, Consumer Response Center, Washington, DC 20580-0001.

Term limits initiative set to appear on 1999 ballot

A ruling by U.S. District Judge William H. Barbour Jr. has cleared the way for Mississippians to vote in November on term limits for state legislators.

Initiative Measure No. 9 is sponsored by Randy Russell of Jackson. As a result of Barbour's ruling, the following ballot title and summary are scheduled to appear on the general election ballot Nov. 2.

Ballot title: Should state legislators be limited to two consecutive terms in each legislative body?

Ballot summary: This initiative would amend the Mississippi Constitution to limit the number of consecutive terms a person can serve in the state legislature to no more than two terms in the House and two terms in the Senate after the adoption of this amendment with terms being deemed consecutive unless separated by a full four-year term.

The ruling means that a constitutional amendment passed by voters last November to limit governors of initiative petition signatures to Mississippians ci-

tizens is constitutional, but cannot be applied retroactively to Measure No. 9.

Term limits sponsors previously employed out-of-state agents to meet the signature requirements for the initiative's placement on November's general election ballot.

In order to take effect, the proposed initiative must receive a majority of the total votes cast on the initiative and at least 40 percent of the total votes cast at the election.

As part of the initiative process, the Secretary of State's Office is required to compile a pamphlet detailing the measure, publish the ballot language once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the election, and conduct at least one public hearing in each congressional district.

The State Board of Election Commissioners, composed of the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General, will meet in the fall to approve the official sample ballot for the general election.

Area Code Changes: FCC Launches Info Consumer Campaign

By The Federal Communications Commission

In order to minimize confusion and answer consumer questions, FCC Chairman William E. Kennard has launched an area code consumer information campaign.

The campaign will explain to consumers the reasons for recent area code changes and how the FCC plans to significantly reduce the frequency of area code changes.

It is stressful, costly and often frustrating to have to switch to a new telephone area code. For most of this century, Americans were accustomed to homes and businesses with just one main telephone line.

Over the past two decades, however, the use of wireless telephones, fax lines and internet access lines — each with their own number — has exploded and the pool of available numbers is quickly becoming exhausted.

Even small businesses often have dozens of phone lines and homes with two or more lines are common. But increasing demand for numbers by consumers and businesses is not the main reason for the recent increase in area code changes.

The main reason is that the numbering system was designed in and for a monopoly environment. As a result of the FCC's policies in accordance with the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the telecommunications markets are now becoming increasingly competitive. New telephone companies need numbers to provide service.

The good news is that many new telephone companies are seeking to compete.

The new competitors, which include wireless telephone services and paging services, need telephone numbers before they can do business. A key part of any numbering solution will be to find the best way to utilize numbers that are not now being used.

Interested internet users can find a "Consumer Alert" and a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" on area code issues posted on the FCC's internet web site (<http://www.fcc.gov>).

The FCC web site is linked to the North American Numbering Plan

Administrator web site, which provides information on the status of all area codes. Additionally, FCC officials are joining local phone companies and state, local, and consumer representatives to provide information on area code changes.

The FCC is also working closely with the states in considering various proposals to address the area code challenge.

In May, the FCC launched a formal inquiry into the most economical way to increase the efficiency with which telecommunications providers use telephone numbers.

This process will lead to a new system of assigning telephone numbers that will take us well into the next century. The need for a new system is pressing: of the 215 area codes now in use, over 70 may need new area codes within the next year or so.

Americans have long enjoyed the most reliable and highest quality phone network in the world and the FCC is committed to preserving those qualities.

Further consumer information is available by calling the FCC's toll-free number, 888-CALLFCC, or visiting our internet page at "WWW.FCC.GOV." The FCC internet page includes the complete Consumer Alert on Area Code issues and a page of "Frequently Asked Questions."

(This article is an unofficial announcement. Only release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. For more information, write the FCC, Public Service Division, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554 or call 202-418-0190 or TTY at 202-418-2555.)

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UMC conducts world's first MRI renal cryosurgeries

The world's first renal cryosurgeries using a new interventional MRI are being performed at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The revolutionary procedure has destroyed cancerous tumors in the kidneys of three Mississippians, including Charles Guice of Biloxi, who successfully underwent the surgery recently.

UMC's Dr. Patrick Sewell froze the tumors by inserting a CryoHit (surgical tube with a freezing tip at the end) through a tiny incision in the lower back.

He guided the tube by following internal tissue images that were instantly shown on the interventional MRI's video monitor.

"From a technical point of view, we were 100 percent successful," Sewell said of Guice's surgery. "We got excellent positioning with the (CryoHit)

probe. It looks like we destroyed all of the cancer."

UMC is one of three test sites in the United States for the twin-magnet, interventional MRI. The others are at Harvard and Stanford Universities' teaching hospitals.

"It's extremely exciting," said Dr. Brent Harrison, UMC professor and chairman of the Department of Radiology. "I believe this machine, or something like this machine, will be universally used in the next five years."

Sewell, an assistant professor of radiology, said all three surgeries were successful. He said using the interventional MRI in combination with cryo (freezing) or laser (heating) surgery has numerous advantages over conventional surgical procedures.

The most obvious one is that the surgeon can instantly detect whether all of a cancer-

ous growth is being destroyed.

"Because we can be so precise by using the interventional MRI, we also minimize the pain, the risk, the healing time, the complications, the costs and the surrounding tissue damage," Sewell added.

MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) is to body tissue what the X-ray is to the skeletal structure. MRI provides video images of internal body tissue by using a magnetic field and radio waves to detect atoms within the body.

The new interventional MRI takes technology a step further; it allows physicians to look inside patients while they perform procedures.

UMC patients are released from the medical center as early as a day after the procedure. Recover time is a few days at home.

Dr. Bruce Shingleton, UMC assistant professor of urology, assisted in the surgery. He

pointed out that the recovery time is four to six weeks for conventional surgery to remove a kidney and about half that time for laparoscopic surgery that does not involve this interventional MRI procedure.

Dr. Louie Wilkins, a 72-year-old patient from Brookhaven, faced the loss of his only remaining kidney, until he underwent this new procedure at UMC. He was discharged the next day. "He can start playing golf any time he wants to," Sewell said.

Due to a cancerous tumor, Wilkins had to have his left kidney surgically removed in 1997 at another hospital. The same year, a cancerous tumor was found on his right kidney. Then he went to M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, with hopes of finding treatment to save his remaining kidney so he could avoid kidney dialysis.

"They wanted to remove the whole kidney last year and I wouldn't let them," Wilkins recalled. "I went back in January and they told me the same thing. . . . Then I heard about this procedure at UMC."

"Now," Wilkins said, the day after his MRI renal cryosurgery "I can do anything I want -- play golf, do what my wife wants me to."

The other patient who underwent the procedure at UMC for kidney cancer was a 49-year-old male from rural Mississippi.

Follow-up CAT scans run on the MRI renal cryosurgery patients also confirmed that all cancer appeared to be destroyed after the procedure, Sewell noted. "In these patients, this procedure is essentially a cure because we are treating their primary tumors -- and they had not metastasized."

As with conventional cancer surgeries, cancerous tissue may be eliminated in cryo or laser surgeries using the interventional MRI. But only time will tell whether the cancer returns.

"Time is the true test, whether the procedure is totally effective or partially effective," Sewell said, explaining patients periodically will be checked to see if the cancer returns. "Our goal is to get all of the tumor in the first shot."

Beth Gasson, interventional MRI manager at UMC, said about 100 surgical and interventional procedures have been performed using the General Electric-designed interventional MRI since UMC performed its first case in November 1997.

Sewell said interventional MRI cryosurgeries also have been performed at UMC to destroy liver, soft tissue and musculoskeletal cancers. Next on the agenda are head and neck as well as uterine tumors.

Area physician certified as aviation medical examiner

BAY ST. LOUIS -- Flying the friendly skies requires a finely tuned aircraft, an amiable service staff, and most importantly, a competent and healthy pilot at the controls.

The health requirement which all pilots must meet before becoming licensed to take off has must become more convenient on the Coast, thanks to Warren K. Wright, MD, who recently became certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as an aviation medical examiner.

Dr. Wright is providing this medical specialty at Gulf South Urgent Care in Bay St. Louis, where he is a board-certified clinical pathologist and serving as director of laboratory services.

"Aeromedical examinations is an area of practice very few physicians are involved in," Wright said, "and there is certainly a need on the Coast."

The FAA, through the

Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) Program, determines a need based on adequacy of coverage related to pilot population in an area before designating a physician as an AME. As a general rule, adequate coverage is achieved when the AME to pilot ratio in a 50-mile radius approximate 1:100.

The AME designation authorizes Wright to perform the medical examination for Class 2 (commercial pilots and air traffic controllers) and Class 3 (private pilots) and to issue, defer or deny issuance of FAA medical certificates.

Ever since his student flying days, Dr. Wright has been interested in aviation. He says the job of an aviation medical examiner carries great responsibility to the general public and the flying community.

"The public certainly doesn't want a person, unfit physically, mentally, or emotionally



Warren K. Wright, MD

at the controls of an aircraft," he said. "If the examiner fails to find a disqualifying defect that should have been discovered in the course of a thorough examination, a safety hazard may be created and the examiner may bear the responsibility for the results of such action."

An examiner may issue a medical certificate only if the applicant meets all medical standards, including those pertaining to medical history and physical examination.

Wright worked 25 years as a hospital pathologist in Wisconsin before retiring to the Coast in 1992. He became a medical consultant to South Urgent Care in 1996. In addition to his duties as an AME, he also is a certified Medical Review Officer and is available to administer drug-testing programs for area schools and businesses.

Appointments for the FAA approved aeromedical examinations can be made by calling (228) 463-1900. Gulf South Urgent Care is located at 852 Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis.

Asbury Foundation endows \$100,000 nursing scholarship

HATTIESBURG -- The Asbury Foundation has given \$100,000 to the University of southern Mississippi to endow nursing scholarships in honor of longtime nursing administrator Doris Miller of Hattiesburg.

"The (Asbury Foundation) board wanted to do it in recognition of Mrs. Miller for her many years of service to this community as a staff nurse and director of nursing at Methodist Hospital (now Wesley Medical Center) and her great love and caring for the patient," said Bill Ray, president of Asbury Foundation and former president of Wesley Health Systems, which included the former Methodist Hospital.

Miller said she was overwhelmed at the board's decision -- made when she missed a meeting -- to name the scholarship for her.

"It was totally unexpected, and I appreciate it so much. It really touched my heart," she said. "I think it's wonderful that they set up a nursing scholarship. Nursing's my heart."

The Asbury Foundation was created in 1984 as the non-profit philanthropic arm of Wesley Medical Center. Ray said selection of recipients will be made by the USM College of Nursing, in conjunction with the USM Foundation, which will administer the funds.

Under the terms of the endowment, the \$100,000 principal will be invested, and the earnings will fund several scholarships each year in perpetuity.

Miller earned her nursing diploma in 1953 at the old Methodist Hospital of Hattiesburg and her certification in

Nursing Administration in 1976 at USM.

That eventually led to the formation of the School of nursing (at USM). Miller also earned a BA in healthcare administration in 1980 at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kan.

Miller's 40-year nursing career -- all spent at Methodist Hospital of Hattiesburg -- began in 1953 as a staff nurse.

In 1956 she was made nursing administration supervisor. The ensuing years saw her progression through the ranks as director of Quality Improvement and Utilization Review, director of Nursing Services and vice president of Nursing

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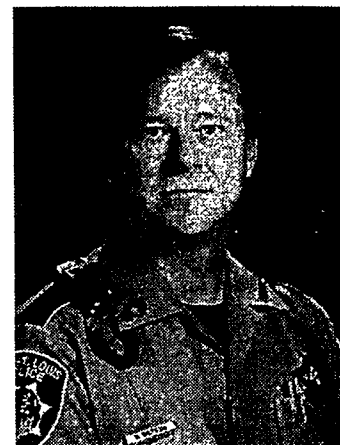
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FEMA warns: Take steps now to protect your property before a hurricane strikes

With forecasters predicting a particularly busy hurricane season, officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) want those living in communities most likely to be impacted to know that there are steps they can take now to protect themselves.

"While we can't do anything to stop hurricanes from tearing through our communities, there is a lot we can do to minimize the damage they inflict," said Federal Insurance Administrator Jo Ann Howard, who manages FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

"The key is to recognize that these weather events are inevitable and to be prepared," Howard said.

ard said.

To make sure you're prepared when a hurricane strikes, FEMA recommends the following steps:

- Make sure to have a planned evacuation route.
- Have disaster supplies on hand, e.g., battery-operated radio, flashlight and extra batteries, first-aid kit, emergency food and water, essential medicines, insurance policy paperwork, and cash and credit cards.
- Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity and water.
- Teach children how to call 911, police or fire departments.
- Have materials on hand to protect your windows.

- Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.

- Develop an emergency communications plan in case family members become separated during a disaster, e.g., decide on a place to meet or to leave messages.

In addition to these physical and logistical precautions, FEMA strongly urges people who live in hurricane-prone communities to make sure they are adequately insured. That means having both homeowner's and flood insurance.

"Unlike damage caused by hurricane winds, water damage from flooding is not covered by a homeowner's or business insurance policy, so it pays to invest

in a flood policy," Howard said. And she urges immediate action: "There is a 30-day waiting period before a new flood insurance policy becomes effective, so with hurricane season already upon us, people who aren't covered should call their agents right away."

FEMA urges all homeowners who live in hurricane-prone communities to purchase flood insurance, not just those who live in high flood-risk areas. Nearly 25 percent of all flood insurance claims come from areas not considered at high risk.

If a hurricane is predict, FEMA recommends listening to the news for updates, reviewing our evacuation plan, securing

buildings by closing and boarding up windows, bringing in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys and garden tools, and anchoring other objects that cannot be brought inside.

If officials indicate an evacuation is necessary, leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch out for washed-out bridges. After the hurricane, stay tuned to a local radio station for information. Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so.

For more information about hurricane season, flooding, and how you can make your community more disaster-resistant, visit FEMA's web site (<http://www.fema.gov>). For information about how to purchase flood insurance, contact an insurance agent in your community or call FEMA's toll-free flood insurance hotline at 1-800-427-4661.

The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood losses.

Falling welfare numbers raise many questions

By Bonnie Coblenz
MSU Ag Communications

The marked decline in welfare numbers since 1996 is heralded by many as a welfare reform success, but questions remain about why people leave welfare and what happens to them next.

Dr. Julie N. Zimmerman, assistant Extension professor of rural sociology at the University of Kentucky, has been involved with the issue for several years. In a recent Southern Rural Development Center Information Brief, she said the declines in recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families began before the current reform, and questions what these falling numbers really mean.

"Declining reciprocity has been held out as proof of the success of welfare reform, but this conclusion is premature for several reasons," Zimmerman said.

Reduced welfare numbers was just one of the goals of welfare reform. Others include increasing the number of two-parent families and reducing the number of out-of-wedlock births. Additionally, national welfare rolls dropped 41 percent between 1993 and last summer, a trend that began well before the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation.

In 1993, the Southern region had 29 percent of the nation's welfare caseload, but by 1998 these numbers had declined by 55 percent and now account for 22 percent of the nation's total. "The South has experienced the greatest decline in welfare recipients," Zimmerman said. "This means the region has changed places, moving from the region with the highest number of welfare recipients in 1993 to the region with the second lowest number of recipients in 1998."

During this time, Mississippi's welfare rolls dropped 71 percent, the most in the region.

"It is not clear why the number of welfare recipients has declined," Zimmerman said. "Evidence from the state evaluations provide a glimpse into the myriad of possible reasons."

These include getting a job, being made ineligible by changing requirements, children becoming too old for benefits or marrying an employed spouse who brings sufficient income to a household. Some leave for their own reasons and others are forced out for noncompliance.

Zimmerman pointed out that many who leave welfare rolls because they got a job are still at economic risk.

"Since low-skilled jobs are often the first to be cut in times of economic prosperity could lull us into a false sense of success," Zimmerman said. "Also, if about 50 percent are finding work nationwide, what's happening to those who are not finding work?"

Another question deals with the states which have not seen

large welfare declines. Zimmerman said these states may face greater barriers to recipients finding some kind of employment. States with large numbers of persistent poverty counties do not have the same employment opportunities as other areas have.

"Some state evaluations have found that an initial job may provide insufficient income, but some subsequent jobs can pay better and offer better opportunities," Zimmerman said. "However, in rural areas there are fewer opportunities for advancement beyond the first job that takes a person off welfare."

Dr. Bo Beaulieu, director of the Southern Rural Development Center headquartered at Mississippi State University, said although the national number of welfare cases is falling, regional rates of decline vary considerably.

"The southern and north central regions of the United States have declines above the national average at 55 and 46 percent respectively," Beaulieu said. "The rest of the country did not meet the national average decline, with the northeast region falling 36 percent and the western region dropping 23 percent."

Zimmerman said these issues raise other questions that are being studied, but research takes time. More research is now looking at individual areas within states to learn the full impact of welfare reform. Zimmerman is working with the Rural Policy Research Institute to compile a database to help locate these rural studies.

"While caseload reductions have been used to declare the success of this massive reorganization of the social safety net, these figures only report that the numbers are declining. They do not tell us why it is occurring," Zimmerman said. "Without more information on what is happening to the families and children after they leave the system, it is premature to declare these declines as evidence of success."

More information on this trend can be found in the Southern Rural Development Center's January 1999 Information Brief, part of a series on welfare reform.



Gifted artists

Corey Fuller of Vicksburg, left, and Paul Keith of Bay St. Louis discuss their latest artistic creations July 1 at the University of Southern Mississippi. Fuller, son of Ronnie and Lynette Fuller, and Keith, son of Beth and Larry Keith, explored the various processes in developing creative projects in their Design Studio course, a part of the Summer Gifted Studies Program at USM. Offered through USM's Center for Gifted Studies, the June 27-July 2 session marked the 21st anniversary of the program for gifted children in grades 4-8. (USM Public Relations photo by David Taylor)

Trio of Bay residents qualify for critical needs teacher loan/scholarship for fall

Three Bay St. Louis natives are among 451 Critical Needs Teacher Loan/Scholarship recipients named, including Michelle Cuevas, Leslie Morel and Courtney Scianna. All three women attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

A total of 788 Mississippians are eligible for teacher education training for Fall 1999 with scholarships totaling more than \$4.3 million.

Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Thomas D. Layzell in late June authorized the Office of State Student Financial Aid to award the Critical Needs Teacher Loan/Scholarship Program to an additional 451 eligible applicants so they could prepare for college.

Layzell authorized Spring 2000 funds to be used for Fall 1999. Legislative leaders support the plan and have pledged to find a way to fund a \$2.4

million budget deficit appropriation in January. Scholarship applications rose from 323 last year to 788 this year.

The undergraduate scholarship covers the cost of public university tuition, student housing, meals, books and fees. Recipients must major in education and agree to teach in a district that the Mississippi Department of Education has designated as having a teacher shortage.

Students who receive four years of assistance are required to spend three years teaching in a shortage area, while students receiving less than four years of assistance are expected to commit one year for each year of assistance received.

Recipients who do not successfully complete a Mississippi teacher education program and secure teacher certification will be required to

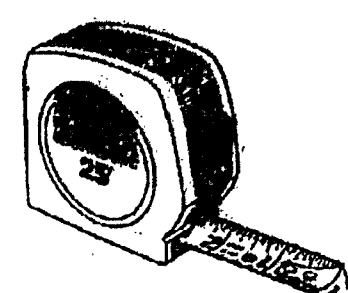
repay the loan with interest. Teacher education program graduates who fail to teach in a shortage area are required to do the same.

To qualify, students with less than 12 hours of college level work must have an ACT score of 18 or higher and a high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Students with 12 or more hours of college credit must have a college GPA of 2.5

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL ACCEPT SEALED QUOTES UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1999, 4:30, AT THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17304 HWY. 603, KILN, MS 39556.

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Bay St. Louis looking for a few good officers

Bay St. Louis is growing every day. New families, new businesses, more visitors, increased traffic are placing stronger demands on the local police force.

"This is a coast-wide problem with our rapid economic progress and our growing tourism industry. I have authorized our Chief of Police to build a new eligibility list so the city can efficiently meet employment needs," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

The Bay St. Louis Police De-

partment is building its employment eligibility list for patrol officers and other community policing positions, including its reserve force.

Applicants must be able to pass a physical agility screening, written test, oral interview and background investigation. They must be at least 21 years of age, a high school graduate or have passed an accredited GED course and possess a valid Mississippi driver's license.

Employment is based on the applicant being able to be certi-

fied by the State of Mississippi as a full-time police officer and meet the criteria to carry a firearm by state and federal law.

"Bay St. Louis is a safe city, and we want to keep it that way. We hope to expand our force this year and next year with several officers. Applicants need to understand that this is a serious career choice, not just a job," said Chief Frank McNeil.

"Our city officials are committed to the continuing education of our officers, keeping them current in the latest tech-

niques and methods of crime prevention and law enforcement. In Bay St. Louis we prefer to protect our city through prevention, rather than enforcement," said McNeil.

Interested applicants may obtain an application at the Police Station Dispatch Office, 310 Old Spanish Trail, Bay St. Louis, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday through July 30 for consideration for the new eligibility list. The City of Bay St. Louis is an equal opportunity employer.

Waveland fire chief elected president of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Assn.

David A. Garcia of Waveland was re-elected president of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association at their 62 annual conference in Hattiesburg June 10.

Garcia has been a member of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association for the past 13 years and has served as southern vice-president from 1996-98. He has served as chairman of the Audit Committee and on the Mississippi State Fire Academy Student Application Committee.

Garcia has served the City of Waveland as fire chief for the past 13 years and has served with the fire department for the past 21 years.

"I am very proud to represent the fire chiefs in the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association, and I am always looking for ways to improve the fire services in Mississippi," Garcia said.

Garcia said he will be calling a special meeting within a few weeks with the first vice-president, and his eight dis-

trict vice-presidents to appoint committees and set the association's order of business for the year.

Some of the issues facing the new board will be discussion on an appointment to the minimum Standards Certification Board; introducing new legislative issues concerning fire services; and completion of the Mississippi's Fallen Firefighters Memorial in honor of the firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty serving their communities.



David Garcia

Oubre to head USM police and police corps program

Keith Oubre will return to his old job as University of Southern Mississippi police chief July 1 while retaining his current position as director of the USM-based Mississippi Police Corps training program.

"Chief Oubre will be filling both positions and since they are located in adjoining offices, this arrangement will be a natural connection," said Dr. Eddie Holloway, USM dean of students.

Holloway said Cecil Wilson—who has been serving as the university's interim police chief since Oubre became Police Corps director in early 1998—

will become the police department's chief of operations, or second in command.

"Cecil has served us with great skill and vision. He has strengthened our department with policy and personnel development," said Holloway, noting the university conducted a national search for a new police chief following Oubre's departure, but had elected not to fill the position permanently until now.

"Recently, we began to give thought to the arrangement whereby Oubre would serve in both positions," said the dean, who oversees campus security

operations. "It was presented to him and he accepted."

"It is a real plus for our campus police to be under the leadership of a person with the law enforcement background and professional expertise as Keith Oubre," Holloway added. "It is a creative and economical solution to our staffing needs in this critical area."

Oubre succeeded Howard Miller as USM police chief in June of 1992 after serving as Hattiesburg's chief of police since 1985, and had remained an employee of the university since taking the Police Corps

post. Oubre's father, Willie Oubre, served as USM's public safety director for a long tenure in the 1960s and '70s.

A 28-year law enforcement veteran, Oubre was named in early 1998 as director of the Mississippi Police Corps program, a new federally funded program designed to put college-educated police officers on the streets of local communities. The state Department of Public Safety serves as the lead agency for operation of the program graduated its first class of officers this past spring in ceremonies at nearby Camp Shelby.

Forest land counties may get added funding

Mississippi counties containing national forest lands could receive a increase in national forest payments of up to \$2 million if federal legislation proposed by the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition is passed.

Currently, counties containing federal lands receive 25 percent of the gross receipts from timber sales, oil and gas leases, recreation and other income from these lands.

Under House Bill 2389, "The County Schools Funding and Revitalization Act of 1999," counties would receive an annual payment equal to the highest three year average since 1985 or the actual 25 percent payment whichever is higher.

An additional important in the proposed legislation is a clearly defined process for developing a long-term solution to the current forest management deadlock and resulting steep decline in revenues in counties containing national forest lands.

Because of pressure brought to bear on the USDA Forest Service by environmental groups and policies implemented by the Clinton Administration, national forests sales in Mississippi have decreased by 40 percent in the past 10 years.

This has had a significant impact on the services provided to students in many school districts and has drastically reduced the funds available for county roads and bridges.

Buster Hamm, spokesperson of the Mississippi Public Lands Coalition, stated that "our organization is committed to sustainable forest management where ecological, economic and social factors receive equal consideration."

It is also strongly committed to total forest management that considers the concept of multiple use as the guiding

principle in managing our national forests.

"We are a moderate organization dedicated to achieving a common sense approach to the gridlock gripping our forest counties in America."

"This bill will provide a foundation to move ahead as a nation, by simultaneously providing healthy schools and healthy communities," he said.

This legislation is actively supported by the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition, a consortium of over 500 member organizations from 32 states which developed and agreed upon principles for a short-term payment system as well as a long-term solution to the problem posed by current national forests policies and practices.



New vehicle

Using drug-seized money, Hancock County's Narcotics Task Force has purchased a 1999 Ford Explorer from state bid for \$20,031. Lt. Tim Broder will use the vehicle in the T-CAP program, aimed at checking out suspicious vehicles on Interstate 10. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Bay resident achieves MUW president's list

Karen R. Ziegler of Bay St. Louis has been recognized on the president's list for the spring 1999 semester at Mississippi University for Women.

To qualify, the student must be enrolled full-time and have a perfect 4.0 quality point average.

MUW, founded in 1884 is the first public college for women in America and admitting men since 1982, is ranked the number one regional public liberal arts college in the South.

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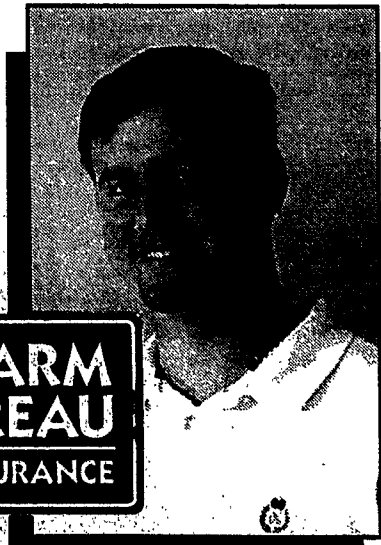
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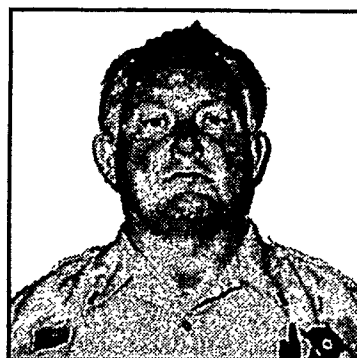
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SPORTS

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Select Soccer tryouts

The South Mississippi Soccer Club will be holding tryouts for the Girls Select team on Monday, July 26th.

The tryouts will be open to girls ages 10-17 and will be held at the Espy Avenue Soccer Complex in Long Beach.

Registration for the tryouts will begin at 5:30pm and try-

outs will last from 6-8pm.

The participants will need to bring a shirt/jersey with a number on it, soccer ball, and water. All players must wear shin guards.

For more information on the tryouts please call Melissa Heinz or Christi Elias at 863-4397.

DWGAN announces winners

The Diamondhead Women's Golf Association-Nines June 22 T's and S's results are:

First flight: first, Holt; second, Klein; third, Decker; second flight: first, Guidroz; second, Ingraham; third, Moran; third flight: first, Perkins; second, Bourn; third, E. Johnson; chip-in, Moran

June 29 Scramble: first, Dieball, Newman, Moran, Perkins; second, Dehnhostel, Smuck, Settle, E. Johnson; third, Holt,

Sorgenfrei, Hendrix, Bourn

July 6, Trophy Day: first flight, low gross, Bourgeois; low net, Sorgenfrei; low putts, Swink; second flight, low gross, Hogan; low net, Krieger; low putts, D. Smith; third flight, low gross, S. Smith; low net, Bourn; low putts, Lacoste

July 13, Best Ball: first, Hanna/D. Johnson; second, Sullivan/Smith; third, Munn/Klein

Hilton returns to Den

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The East Coast Hockey League Champion Mississippi Sea Wolves have re-signed Kevin Hilton for the 1999-2000 season.

Hilton played in 48 regular season games and scored 45 points with 16 goals and 29 assists.

He also played in all 18 playoff games for the Sea Wolves tallying seven goals and eight assists.

Hilton scored the game winning goal in double overtime of game seven in the 1999 ECHL finals to bring the league championship and Kelly Cup to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Bruce Boudreau, Sea Wolves head coach and director of hockey operations, stated, "Kevin Hilton is a big game player and re-signing him was very important to us. We have a top notch centerman in Kevin Hilton."

Hilton stands 5'11" and weighs 185 pounds. He is originally from Trenton, Michigan. He was originally drafted by the Detroit Red Wings 74th overall in the 1993 Entry Draft.

He played collegiately at the University of Michigan where he was a member of the 1995-96 NCAA Division I champion Wolverines.

He started his pro career with the Sea Wolves in 1996-97. He played the 1997-98 season with the Mobile Mysticks. Last November, Hilton was acquired via a trade with the Johnstown Chiefs for former Sea Wolves defenseman Shawn Frappier.

Hilton commented, "I am very happy to be here for another year. This is a great place to play because the fans are great and we have a great coach. I am getting married this summer and my fiance and I are looking forward to living on the Mississippi Gulf Coast."

Diamondhead's Park Ten Lanes announces results

July 5
Summer Golden Ages

Ron Roussel 233, Andy Anderson 224, Arthur Leineweber 221, Henry Branon 204

July 6
Summer Tuesday Nite
Mixed-Up

Clay Ledkins 265, 203, 201 - 669; Deb Holloway 239, 227, 214 - 680; Duane Troxler 258, 204 - 653; Danny Contreras 247, 224 - 643; Gary Bourn 213, 209 - 609; Mike Fouasnon 235, 200 - 614; Carter Hoyt 244, 200; Paul Hall 243, Larry Jones 226, Nathan Ray 211, Mack McMackin 205, 200; Ronnie Robinson 205, Brian Smith 203, David Viola 201, Babe Walden 203, Rene Baum 200

July 7
Wednesday ABC Trio

Duane Troxler 279, 269, 227 - 775; Brian Begue 278,

259, 203 - 704; Mike Lewis 255, 247, 202 - 704; Danny Patton 240, 232, 227 - 699; Don Waltman 242 - 625; Barbara Postier 234, 222, 200 - 656; Deb Holloway 224, 224, 214 - 662; Gary Bourn 223, 223 - 637; Norm Postier 218, 215; Danny Hust 225, Charlie Pique 222, Larry Olier 220, James Smith 201

July 8
Summer Mixed Nuts

Chris Stiglet 221, 205; Ben Barnes 217, Mary Lizana 201, Barbara Martin 201

July 9
TGIF

Clay Ledkins, 273, 258, 215 - 746; Barbara Postier 234, 225 - 614; Norm Postier 237, 203 - 611; Walter Cheramie 212, 211 - 615; Jon Higgins 235, 214 - 615; Joe Mussachia 244; Al Case 223, Mike Lamberson 220, Carter Hoyt 211

Pass Christian LGA results

Pass Christian Ladies Golf Association July 6 low net over the field results are:

Low net over the field: Lien Beale; four-way tie: first, Kitty Young, Mary Jo Delligatti, Doris Steffen and Shirley Sessum; second, Debbie Wolf;

third, Pat Bartman

Three-way tie: fourth, Julie Hudson, Mac Cromwell and Doris Merritt; low putts, Joan Anderson; nine-holes low net over the field, Gwen Voighs; low putts, Millie Shea



AAU Baseball summer showcase

AAU baseball will conduct individual showcase events across the country during the summer and early fall months.

The purpose of the showcase is to aid young players in their quest to play college or pro baseball.

Each participant will receive an evaluation of their playing abilities. The evaluation will be put into a catalog and sent to area college and pro organizations.

There will be a staff of qualified college coaches and pro scouts conducting the field testing and games between the participants.

The organization will conduct a seminar that will explain how a player can enhance their opportunity to be seen by a college or pro scout. All parents are encouraged to attend the seminar.

The showcase events are open to players that are freshmen through graduated seniors.

The top players in each regional showcase will be invited to a national showcase at The Walt Disney World Wide Worlds of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida, on October 2-3.

The showcase event in this area will be held in Shreveport, Louisiana, on August 21-22.

For more information please contact Frank Dörner at (281) 469-6721.



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Miss. Wildlife Federation announces 13th annual Big Buck Contest

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation, host of the annual Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza, will be accepting entrants for their 13th annual Big Buck Contest.

The competition, the largest of its kind in Mississippi, will be held in conjunction with the Extravaganza slated for Aug. 6-8 at the Mississippi Trade Mart in Jackson.

Each year the contest attracts about 100 entries from across the state and has featured some record-book trophies in the past.

Anyone who took a white-

tailed deer within state borders during the 1998-1999 hunting season is eligible to enter the contest.

Awards will be given in Gun, Archery and Muzzle-loader categories in Men's, Women's and Youth (16 and under) divisions. Deer will be judged in both typical and non-typical classes.

Scoring will be based on the Boone and Crockett scoring system. Each mount will be scored by biologists from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the purposes of the contest

only. Cash prizes of \$200 will be awarded for the typical and non-typical Best of show entries.

Entries must be brought to the Trade Mart between 3-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, or between 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Mounts will be on display all weekend and may be picked up between 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Winners will be recognized on stage at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The entry fee is \$15 and includes a three-day pass to the show. Each entrant will

also receive a certificate for entering the competition.

For pre-registration forms and information, contact the Mississippi Wildlife Federation at 601-420-2100, write MWF attn: Big Buck Contest, P.O. Box 1814, Jackson, MS 39215-1814, or email mwf@netdoor.com.

MWF is the state's largest non-profit conservation education organization dedicated to spreading an awareness about responsible use and management of our state's wildlife, fisheries and natural resources.

Stringer named assistant at USM

The University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagle track and field program and head coach Wayne Williams announce the hiring of Greg Stringer as an assistant coach for the school.

Stringer has worked with

Williams and the Golden Eagles for the last two years as a graduate assistant coach with the long jump, triple jump, high jump, and pole vault.

Stringer was a two-year letter winner at USM in track and field in 1993 and 1994.

He posted personal best jumps of 47'1" in the triple jump and 6'6" in the high jump. He also took fifth place in the decathlon at the Metro Conference Championships in 1993 to help the Golden Eagles win their second consecutive confer-

ence title.

Stringer was a four-year letter winner in track at Terry High School. He received his bachelor's degree in sports administration and coaching in 1995 from USM and recently completed his master's degree work at USM.

Diamondhead Country Club Ladies Golf winners

First flight: low gross, Lori Jacobson, first; Patricia Ray, second; low net, Amy Swint, first; Pauline Haas, second.

Second flight: low gross, Mazie Pereira, first; Ellen Walker, second; low net, Jo Webre, first; Cathy Davis, second.

Third flight: low gross, Helen Manley, first; Sara Schexnaydre, second; low net, Sue Hebert, first; Becky Stritzel,

second.

Fourth flight: low gross, Mary Clare Skaggs, first; Marilyn Hunt, second; low net, Judi Koenenn, first; Doris Merritt, second.

Fifth flight: low gross, Brenda Hendrickson, first; Marcie Marshall, second; low net, Bobbie Saucier, first; Grace Mauterer, second.

Sixth flight: low gross, Rita Acosta, first; Jerry Grissom, second; low net, Edith Breland, first; Betty O'Toole, second.

Seventh flight: low gross, Mary King, first; Cal Rogers, second; low net, Nancy Witt, first; Carolyn Koerner, second.

Eighth flight: low gross, Thelma Hopkins, first; Dorothy Vines, second; low net, Pam

Schultz, first; Nettie Dean, second.

Ninth flight: low gross, Alberta Valley, first; Gwen Chambers, second; low net, Joan Pion, first; Mary Kennedy, second.

Tenth flight: low gross, Ann Terrell, first; Marilyn Valentino, second; low net, Sharlene Lowery, first; Laverne Montegut, second.

Grassroots grants available to promote boating safety

The BOAT/U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety is offering grants of up to \$5,000 for local boating safety projects. Over the last 10 years, the Foundation's Grassroots Grants program has awarded about \$450,000 to 263 volunteer boating groups and other non-profit organizations throughout the

United States.

The grant application, including guidelines and instructions, is available by calling Vanessa Pert at (703) 461-2878, ext. 3016 or visiting the Web site: www.boatus.com/foundation.

All application packets must

be postmarked and all on-line applications must be submitted to the Foundation by Nov. 1. Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary must submit applications through the National Board Incorporated.

"This program is designed to encourage innovative programs that address the boating safety

concerns of communities nationwide," said Ruth Wood, director of the BOAT/U.S. Foundation.

The grants will be awarded in January 2000. Funding for the program comes from the 500,000 members of BOAT/U.S., the world's largest organization of recreational boaters.

Herbal Remedies: Weeding through nature's bounty

The ongoing boom in herbal medicines has many Americans going "back to nature" for everything from the common cold to clinical depression. But an all-natural label doesn't necessarily guarantee healthful results, says University of Mississippi scientist Dr. Larry Walker, a nationally known expert on medicinal plants.

"Without a doubt, some of these herbal medicines are very effective, sometimes even more effective than prescription drugs," says Walker, associate director of the Ole Miss-based Thad Cochran National Center for Natural Products Research, the nation's only research center specializing in plant-derived drug discovery and development. "But, for a lot of others, there is absolutely no evidence of health benefit, but it hasn't been proven in humans."

Products like St. John's wort, echinacea, valerian and ginkgo biloba have shown great promise in clinical studies, Walker says. Others, like goldenseal (touted as an immune system stimulant) and certain so-called "miracle herbs," may not live up to their billing.

For those health-conscious types trying to weed through the best and worst of nature's bounty, Walker offers the following tips:

• **Follow doctor's orders.** Herbal hype aside, medical science isn't a do-it-yourself enterprise. "You should never try to self-medicate for serious medical problems, such as AIDS, cancer or heart disease,"

Walker warns. "For these and other serious conditions, do not take any herbal medicine without a doctor's advice."

• **Shop smart.** Bargain-hunting is not advised, Walker says. "Very often, you get what you pay for with these products." Stay away from dirt-cheap brands, and look for reputable manufacturers. Read the label to make sure the product is standardized — that is, consistent from one bottle to the next. If in doubt, consult a pharmacist or another health care professional before choosing a brand.

• **Less can be more.** Stay away from combination products that blend several different types of herbs for various effects. "Often they'll throw a lot of different herbs together, and there's no rhyme or reason behind the combination," Walker says. "One or two of the products may be good, but the others may not be. There's very little scientific evidence that multiple herb products are beneficial."

• **Don't believe in "miracles."** Still waiting for some "magic pill" that will melt fat, boost the libido or make you grow younger with age? Don't hold your breath, Walker says. "There's a lot of fraud out there because people with problems are desperate and willing to try anything. The vast majority of those herbal products that claim to improve sexual performance, enhance weight loss or fight the aging process are more marketing than science."

• **So which ones actually work?** Dr. Richard L. Ogletree, Jr. and Dr. Richard G. Fischer, both Ole Miss clinical pharmacy faculty, have published The Top 10 Scientifically Proven Natural Products (Natural Source Digest, Brandon, Miss., 1997), a handbook for physicians, nurses, pharmacists and dieticians.

The effective herbs listed in the book are:

St. John's wort for depression, Ginkgo biloba for circulatory problems in the elderly,

Echinacea to stimulate the immune system and fight colds, Valerian for insomnia and anxiety,

Ginger for nausea and motion sickness, Saw palmetto for benign prostatic hyperplasia,

Soy for menopausal symptoms, cancer prevention and cardiovascular disease,

Grape seed extract for its antioxidant effects and circulation problems, Milk thistle for liver problems,

Bilberry for vision and circulation problems.

Corps announces web site for Walkiah, Pearl River project

Area residents interested in the Army Corps of Engineers ongoing efforts to save an 18-mile stretch of the Lower Pearl River near Walkiah Bluff can read about it first hand on the Corps' new project web site.

The Corps is currently modifying a portion of the weir completed in December to equalize flows going down Wilson's Slough and the Pearl River.

The north end of the weir detached from the bank earlier this year.

Residents can learn about the project, including the ongoing work, and read questions about the projects or post their own.

<http://www.mvks.usace.army.mil/pao/walkiah.htm>

Cheerleader fun camp

The Hancock High School cheerleaders will hold a Cheerleading Fun Camp Saturday, July 24, for first through sixth grades.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the school's Commons, and the camp will end at 4 p.m. Fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Prizes and awards will be given.

For information, call Teresa A. Vince at 467-7397 or 466-4525.

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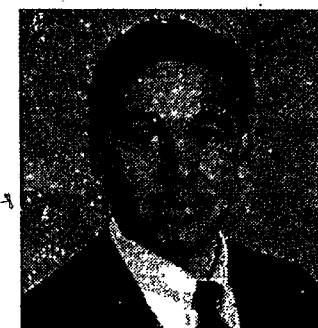
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Solving the interest rate mystery

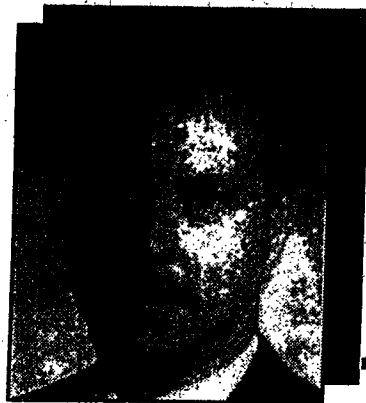
Interest rates can be more mysterious than a Stephen King thriller. If the prime rate is 5 percent, why does it cost 10 percent to borrow money?

Cracking the interest rate code starts with understanding two significant short-term rates: the federal funds rate and the prime rate.

Short-term rates are most affected by the federal funds rate. Federal funds are funds, such as those in excess of reserve requirements, deposited by commercial banks at Federal Reserve Banks. On the flip side, banks that don't have enough funds to meet reserve requirements may have to borrow from other banks. They can borrow funds deposited by other banks at Federal Reserve Banks, and the amount of interest they pay is the federal funds rate. These borrowing transactions are generally overnight.

The federal funds rate is volatile because it's calculated on a day-to-day basis. Economic and technical factors influence its direction. By increasing or decreasing the federal funds target rate, the Fed can orchestrate the flow of money into the economy. A lower federal funds rate makes borrowing more attractive for banks and their customers, thereby increasing the flow of money into the economy. A higher federal funds rate tightens the flow. These moves by the Fed are generally cautious, avoiding knee-jerk reactions to breaking news of the economy. The federal funds rate is the benchmark for pricing other short-term securities.

The more widely publicized prime rate is the interest rate banks charge to their most credit-worthy customers, typically only blue chip corporations. Rates on loans to less credit-worthy customers



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(which generally include most individuals and businesses) are tied to prime rate.

Prime rate is determined by the market forces affecting a bank's cost of funds and the rates borrowers will accept. Because Fed funds are the

source of funds to a bank, the prime rate set by a bank must be higher than the federal funds rate the bank pays. The difference, or spread, reflects the amount of risk the bank is willing to take in assuming a customer loan, plus a reasonable profit for the bank and its

shareholders. When the Federal Reserve raises or lowers its rates, the prime rate follows.

The next time you're mystified by rates on short-term securities, remember these two clues: prime rate and federal funds rate.

TDI-Halter delivers barges to Sedco

TDI Halter, a Halter Marine Group, Inc. company (AMEX:HLX) Gulfport, delivered the Prisa 103, the last of three newly built drilling barges, 180' x 75' x 15', to Sedco Forex, the drilling division of Schlumberger Limited (NYSE:SLB), during the first quarter of 1999.

The Prisa 101, 102 and 103 are part of an overall conceptual design approach, in which Sedco Forex permanently integrated the Well Intervention structure, equipment and systems to facilitate conventional light drilling and well re-entry with coiled tubing and other well intervention operations.

The concept provides operators a cost-effective tool by utilizing specially-adapted multi-function service equipment which is built in to ensure flexibility, reduce overall nonproductive time, and optimize

deployment of services by improving the logistics and reducing the running costs.

This overall concept was instrumental in Sedco Forex obtaining long-term, full-service contracts with PDVSA for operations in Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela.

The Prisa 103 commenced the low to Venezuela in March, 1999 to begin work in Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela, for a 10-year contract with PDVSA. The Prisa 101 and 102 are also working for PDVSA, each on 10-year contracts in Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela as well.

Don Covington, president of TDI-Halter, emphasized, "These vessels were constructed by combining Halter fabrication with TDI construction and final outfitting."

TDI and Halter have produced 11 other drilling vessels for operations in Lake

Maracaibo utilizing this concept."

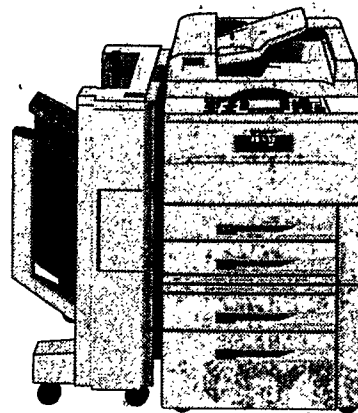
Covington went on to say, "Delivery of the Prisa barges marks a 10-year relationship between Sedco Forex and TDI-Halter. In 1989, we delivered the first of two jumbo posted drill barges to Sedco Forex."

Additionally, in 1997, TDI-Halter designed and built a self-propelled, multipurpose jackup, the Sedco Forex/Arabian Drilling company (ADC) 'AD20,' for operations in the Arabian Gulf."

The Halter Marine Group of companies includes TDI-Halter (Offshore Division), AmClyde Engineered Products and Halter Marine. This combination of companies includes 22 shipyard facilities along the U.S. Gulf Coast, three manufacturing facilities and four international joint ventures.

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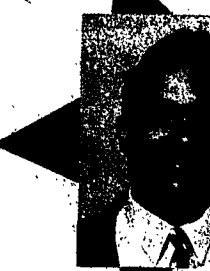
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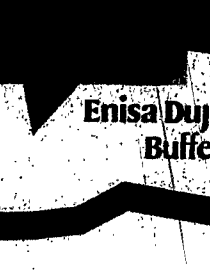
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Business After Hours
This month's Business After Hours will be hosted by the Hancock County Health Council Thursday, July 22, 5-7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Library.

There will be free health screenings, educational displays, health agency information, refreshments and door prizes. The event is open to Chamber members and guests. Admission is two business cards.

Small Business Counseling

The USM Small Business Development Center will host a free counseling seminar for small business owners Thursday, July 15, 9 a.m.-noon.

On Thursday, July 29, 1:30 a.m.-4 p.m. USM will host a special seminar, "Show Me The Money." Pre-registration is requested at 865-4578.

Adopt-A-Street

As part of its year-long anti-litter campaign, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, Community Education will launch a new Hancock County Hospitality Academy training course.

To sign up for a section throughout the county, volunteers can contact Naomi Martin at 467-2537.

Martin will maintain the master list of those who participate in the Adopt-A-Street Program. Supplies and anti-litter signs are available at the Chamber at 412-Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis.

Hospitality Training

In a joint effort with the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, Community Education will launch a new Hancock County Hospitality Academy training course.

The Academy training will begin with two customer service seminars Monday, July 26, 8 a.m.-noon and Tuesday, July 27, 4-8 p.m.

Both sessions will take place at the Bay St. Louis Library.

For information, contact Community Education at 467-3892.

Business and Industry Expo

Make plans to attend the second annual Hancock County Business and Industry Expo Aug. 26, 3-7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center.

There will be entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and a grand prize drawing of \$1,000.



Grand opening

Personal Finance Corporation, 1017 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Participating in the event are David Koger, left, Lucinda Bounds, Angela Myers, Norman Bowen, Carl How, Richard Ervin, Austin Prowant, Amy Gregory and Jody Compretta. The company specializes in real estate, auto, mobile homes and personal loans and is open 8:30 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Sea Coast Echo staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

Fricke named bank manager

Whitney National Bank has appointed Marilyn Fricke as assistant vice president and branch manager of its Waveland and Waveland West branches. As manager, she will be responsible for the branches' sales and service initiatives in the Waveland area.

In making the appointment, Bobby Johnson, Whitney's Mississippi presi-

dent, said, "Marilyn brings much experience from her position as Whitney's corporate-wide loan by phone manager, and I'm confident that her outstanding sales and management skills will benefit the Whitney and our customer in Hancock County."

Fricke brings over 16 years of banking experience to this position. Over her career, she has held various retail banking positions, including loan officer and branch manager.

She comes to Whitney in Mississippi after having developed and successfully managed Whitney National Bank's Loan By Phone Department headquartered in New Orleans.

Fricke is a graduate of Hancock North Central High School and is originally from Pearlinton.

She is married to Stephen Fricke, and they have three children ages 16, 11 and 8. Fricke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Asher, live in

Pearlington, and her grandmother, Mrs. Vancy Asher, lives in Waveland.

Whitney Holding Corporation, whose stock is traded on the NASDAQ exchange (WTNY), is the holding company for the wholly owned banking subsidiary Whitney National Bank with banking locations in the four-state Gulf Coast region, including southern Louisiana; the coastal region of Mississippi, central and south Alabama, and the Pensacola area of Florida.

The Whitney, which has been in continuous operation since 1883, has assets of approximately \$5.2 billion.



Marilyn Fricke

Winn-Dixie Louisiana names Alack retail operations superintendent

Winn-Dixie Louisiana has appointed John J. Alack to serve as the company's retail operations superintendent. Alack succeeds Michael Istre, who has been made president of

the Louisiana Division.

Alack began his career with Winn-Dixie in 1968 in customer service. In 1972 he was appointed to his first management post in produce and has since held various retail and staff management positions, most recently as the division's grocery merchandiser.

Alack was born in Hammond, La., and is a graduate of Hammond High School. He received his bachelor's degree in marketing in 1974 from South Louisiana University. Alack also served in the U.S. Army Reserves 1972-78. He attends church at St. Joan of Arc with his three children.

Leftwich to speak to DBPA

Hancock Medical Center Administrator Hal Leftwich, FACHE will be the featured speaker at the general meeting of the Diamondhead Business & Professional Association (DBPA) at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 22 at Park Ten Lanes in Diamondhead.

Among topics Leftwich will address are improvements at the hospital, hospital-sponsored school clinics, community outreach plans and the Rev. Charles Richard Johnson Clinic at Port Bienville.

Members and their guests are invited to attend.

Anyone interested in the development of Diamondhead is invited to join the DBPA. Contact John Hall at 255-6111 for membership information.

Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 a.m. at Park Ten Lanes in Diamondhead.

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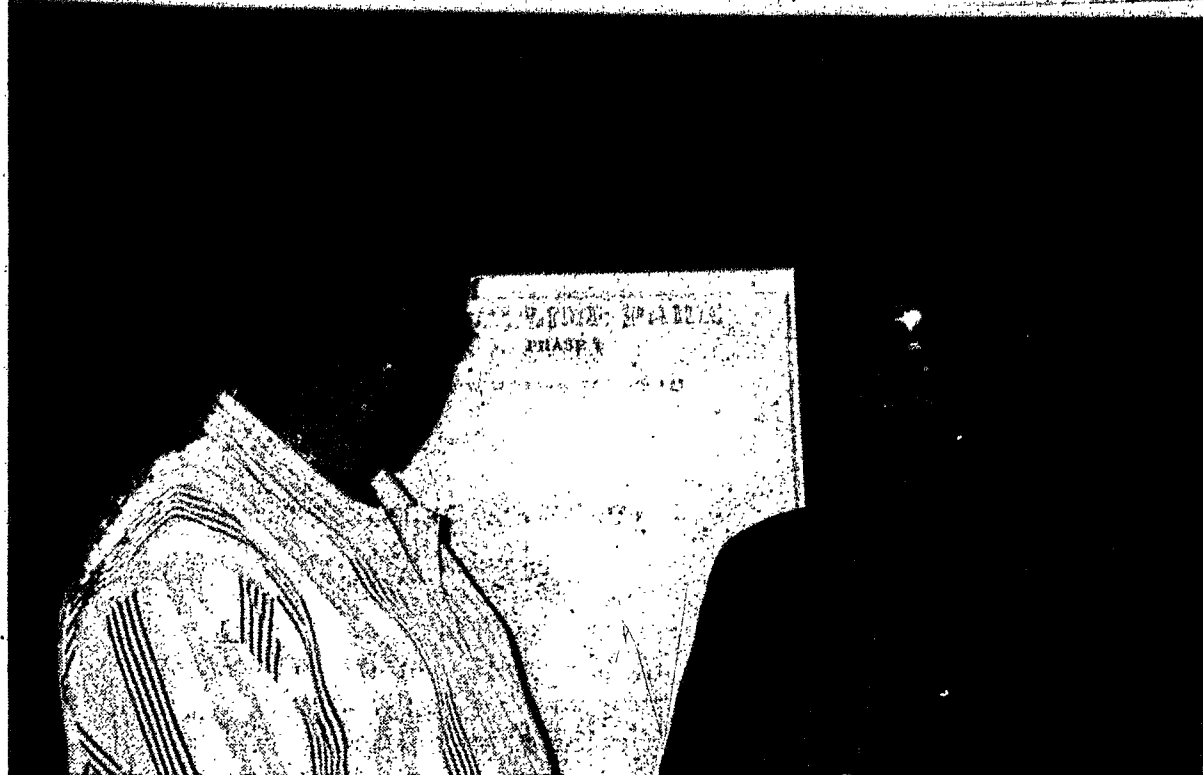
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Water grant

Bill Simpson, Mississippi Rural Development director (right), shakes hands with Al Smith, chairman of Hancock County's Water and Sewer District. The District held a reception Thursday and announced it has received a combined loan and grant of over \$2 million from the U.S. Agricultural Department's Rural Development Program to begin installing a water system for residents of Shoreline Park. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Water -- Shoreline to benefit

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up on the Mississippi Coast, and said there is a pressing need throughout rural Mississippi and the growing Gulf Coast for a safer supply of drinking water.

Simpson said, "It's basically an atrocity that there are some folks (in the Delta) that are still hauling water in pails."

But, he added, "One of the greatest needs is in the three coastal counties, where there is pollution from runoff and unprecedented growth."

Philip Moran, president of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, said the credit for the grant was "due to the very aggressive Water and Sewer Board. They pursued this vigorously," he said.

He said the new water system going into Shoreline will result in better fire protection and lower fire insurance rates

for residents. Supervisors Jeep Ladner, Steve Seymour and Lisa Cowand also attended the reception.

Jerry Martin, representing U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor's office, praised Simpson and other RD officials for working closely with Taylor's 5th District to see that Hancock was included in the first round of funding.

The Mississippi Department of Health has been concerned for the health and safety of Shoreline residents for many years due to potential hazards of drinking water from shallow wells in close proximity to inoperable or failing septic tanks and polluted canals. Health Department Director Dr. Robert Travnick was on hand, and when asked to comment he said, "Thank God and praise the Lord."

Herman Johnson, who serves as vice chairman of the Water and Sewer District also gave credit to District engineer Duke Levy and Administrator Pam Gauthreaux. He said when the District learned of the Water 2000 initiative, it only had 45 days to submit an application for funding, and Levy and Gauthreaux managed to meet the deadline.

Levy told the Echo that the District hopes to put the water contract out for bid by September or early October, with construction to start in November and the water distribution system to be in place within seven to eight months after construction.

Plans are to build a 150,000 elevated water storage tank on Chapman Street at the East Hancock Volunteer Fire District station. A 1,000 to 1,200-foot-deep well would be bored at Central Avenue and Sugar Loaf in Shoreline Park, he said.

The Shoreline water distribution project will be divided in three phases, which will ultimately provide water to approximately 2,500 households.

Rodeo

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accepted, and parents are urged to have their children comply with state and federal regulations (on speckled trout and redfish), Perniciaro added. He also emphasized no catfish or stingrays will be accepted.

"This is for the safety of the children participating," Perniciaro said.

There will be a special crab division for ages six and under.

All fish must be caught by the participants on the day of the rodeo in any waters in the area from piers, shoreline, boats or wading.

Sportsman's Club members will handle the scales, and the

weighmaster's decisions are final.

Each participant will also receive a free hot dog and coke, Karl said.

Trophies will be given for first, second and third place in each category, and drawings will be held for a large number of prizes.

Scales will close at 5 p.m.

Many of the prizes for the rodeo have been donated to the Sportsman's Club by local merchants.

Perniciaro said if any merchants are interested in making a donation or contribution, they may contact him at 467-5324.

Women's Summer Retreat

Greater Works Fellowship, 11220 Road 228 in Picaune invites women of all faith and ethnic groups to a Women's Summer Retreat Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31 on the Grounds of Gospel Singers of America, Hwy. 90, Pass Christian.

Cost is \$58, which includes two nights and a day plus all meals. Cost for one day (Saturday only) is \$20, which includes lunch. All registrations must be in by July 21. After July 21 \$10 will be added.

For information and registration, call 601-799-5659.

Spill -- truck drivers okay

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oil companies, Pate said Friday. The other truck was carrying a load of sand, he said, and the truck owners authorized hazmat teams to use it in the clean-up of the spill.

Both truck drivers were taken to a Slidell, La. hospital. Pate said Friday that the men's names had not yet been released, but said both were "okay."

Danny Slade, director of security for Mississippi state welcome centers, was also on the scene Thursday.

"We evacuated all non-essential personnel," Slade said. "Everything went very smoothly. We had a guard over at the welcome center who (realized the situation) and he responded quickly and appropriately."

Everyone responded in an orderly manner. ... And our hats go off to the (motorists) who offered to help."

Emergency crews finished the clean-up at around 1:30 Friday morning, Pate said, and there was no apparent lasting environmental or other damage.

Earlier reports that an emergency worker had succumbed to epicure fumes were false, Pate said.

The accident is still under investigation by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

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from offices in Cleveland, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Oxford, Starkville and Stennis Space Center. The primary industry segments include food processing, wood products, chemicals/plastics and telecommunications.

Landfill

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landfill to the current 78 acres. McDonald said the contract with Southern Pines will allow the firm to take in garbage from the Mobile area and south Mississippi, but it will not accept New Orleans garbage. The agreement calls for lowering local rates as the volume of out-of-county garbage grows.

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The voyage of the Shelley Jade

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ED LEPOMA

A dream by two brothers turned out to be a temporary nightmare for motorists traveling busy state Hwy. 603 Thursday when a huge shrimp boat temporarily blocked the north-bound lanes.

Thursday started out as a day ripe with anticipation for Louis Tillman and his younger brother, Eddie. Thursday was the day they selected to launch their solid-steel boat that

uneventful, as the big 18-wheeler began pulling the ship out of the yard and on to Old Spanish Trail. The vessel was accompanied by an armada of trucks, one with blinking lights in front of the truck and trailer and several others behind it loaded with relatives and friends of the Tillman's.

The sight of the mammoth blue-and-white vessel seemingly floating down the roadway caused some residents on both sides of Old Spanish Trail to come out of their houses, and motorists traveling west slowed to a pace.

The next peril ahead was making the left turn onto busy Nicholson Avenue. Traffic north and south had to be stopped as the powerful truck towing the trailer made the turn.

The entourage began the snail's pace trek up Nicholson, then across U.S. Hwy. 90 to Hwy. 603. Word apparently spread quickly that something was afloat. Merchants came out of stores in the busy K-Mart parking lot. Shoppers stood outside their cars in the 90-plus degree heat, and some curious onlookers were posted near the entrance of the shopping mall with video cameras at the ready.

The Shelley Jade crept up Hwy. 603, slowly making its way to the launch site, and that's when the troubles began.

The northbound two lanes of the highway had to be blocked off to allow the truck to pull on to the median in order that it could back the trailer into the site.

Louis and Eddie and the moving crew were directing the driver while he tried to maneuver into the driveway, but the right rear side of the trailer sank into the ditch, causing the Shelley Jade to kind of list



Residents along Old Spanish Trail came out in droves as the huge Shelley Jade shrimp boat began its trek towards launch.

measures 56-and-a-half-feet long and 20-and-a-half-feet wide.

There were many preparations to make in advance in order to move the 25-ton vessel. The Tillman's contracted with Brown's house movers from Picayune and crews arrived at their Gwen Avenue home early Thursday morning. Eddie Tillman began the job of welding the steel hull of the ship to the trailer chassis to prevent the vessel from sliding off the flatbed.

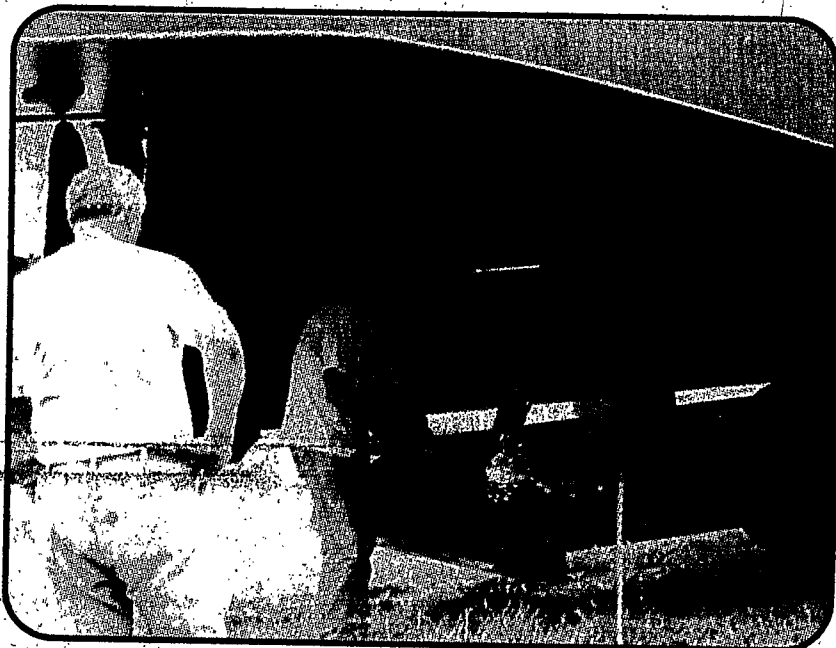
Louis needed a place to launch his boat--some-where not too far up Hwy. 603. He bought a plot of land that sits on the Jourdan River adjacent to Cabins Unlimited, and had it bushhogged.

The brothers had already christened the vessel the Shelly Jade, named in honor of Louis's wife.

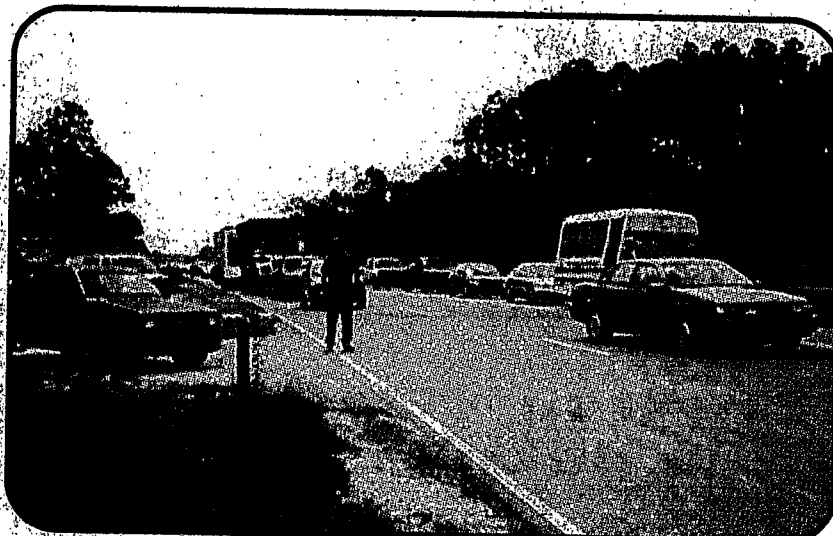
It was last February that Louis said he and his brother decided to build the boat. Louis is a commercial fisherman by trade, and Eddie worked at Ingalls in the past and has built five different boats for friends. Boats have long been a tradition in the Tillman family. The Tillman's father ran one of the old sailing schooners that shrimped in Gulf waters in the early 1900's.

The brothers began assembling the huge hull of the ship in Louis's front yard, on Gwen Avenue off Old Spanish Trail in Waveland. They worked in the afternoon whenever they could, some nights and most weekends. After the frame was assembled, they began the interior work, installing a 400 horsepower Detroit inboard engine.

The voyage of the Shelley Jade began rather



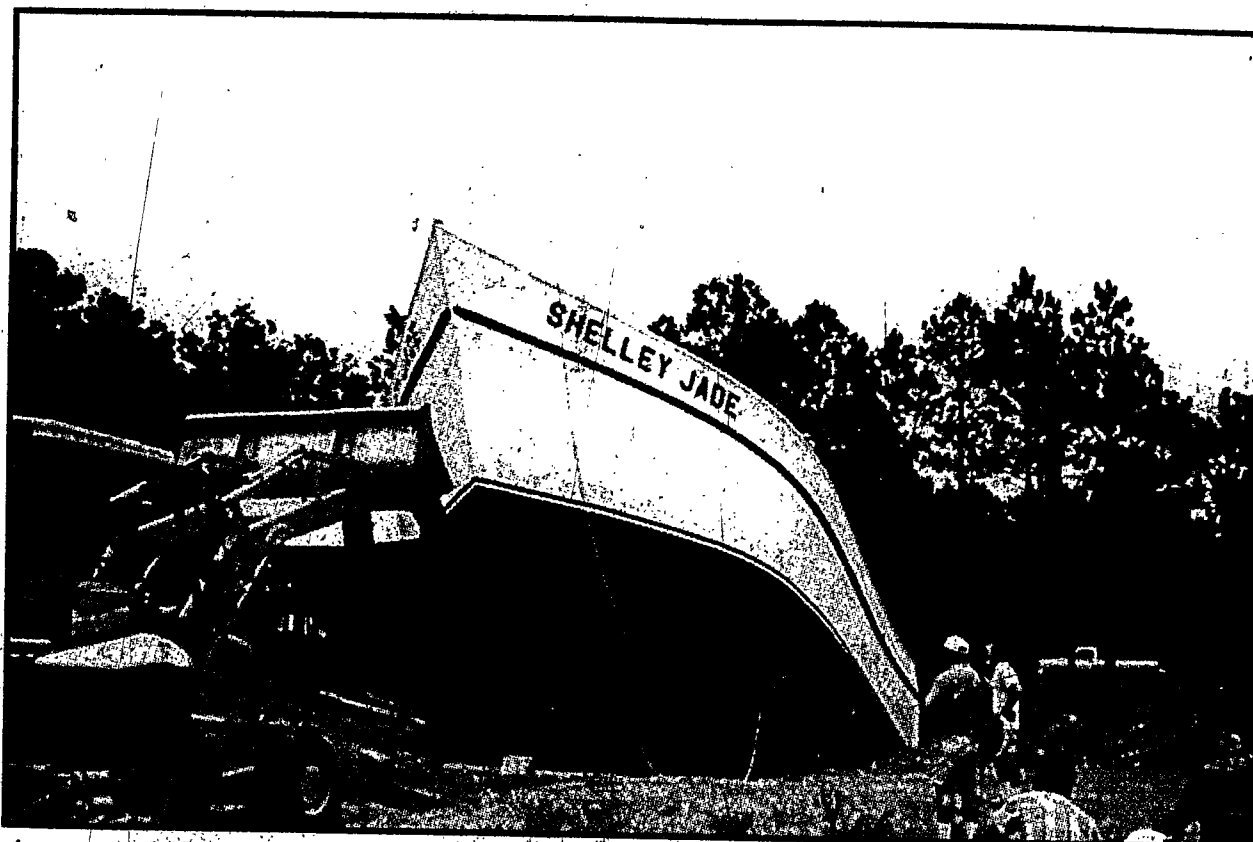
Eddie Tillman prepares to unweld the support beams holding the boat to the flatbed in preparation for the launch.



Motorists northbound on Hwy. 603 got out of vehicles when the Shelley Jade temporarily blocked the northside of the busy four-lane highway.

to the side.

While the various parties determined how they would right the trailer, and get it out of the ditch, traffic was blocking up in both directions on Hwy. 603. Sheriff's deputies soon arrived on



A powerful backhoe was used to push the Shelley Jade off its trailer and into the river.

the scene, followed by a state trooper.

One person took up guard on the south side of Hwy. 603 to stop vehicles for awhile, so vehicles going north could cross the median, and get on their way. As the north side cleared, those headed southbound were signaled to drive on, but some simply pulled to the side of the road to watch the unfolding saga.

A powerful backhoe, operated by friend Charles Farrell, proved to be the hero of the day, slowly, but surely pulling the truck and trailer out of the ditch and back on to the highway. Once righted, the truck driver slowly maneuvered the trailer backwards into the driveway.

But, there was more work ahead. The backhoe was called into service again. The shoreline had to be dug out to accommodate the width of the ship, and Eddie Tillman had to unweld the support beams holding the vessel to the flatbed.

The whole scene took on a party atmosphere. Relatives watched from trucks and in the field, sipping bottled water as the preparations for the launch continued. One fisherman arrived at the scene in a small skiff, anchored and folded his arms, staring in awe at the huge boat and the activity on shore. Guests at the nearby cabins sat on the porch, glued to their seats.

The state trooper had to write a report, and get details about what happened from the moving company and from the Tillmans. He later issued a citation to the mover and the truck driver for obstructing highway traffic, one witness said.

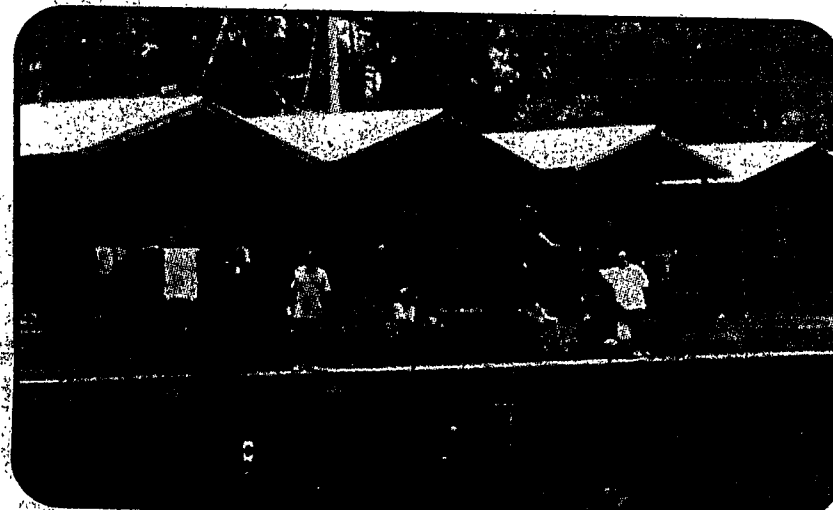
Finally, after an ordeal that lasted almost three and a half hours, the signal was given for the launch of the Shelley Jade.

Cheers went up from the crowd as the truck began backing the trailer carrying the Shelley Jade on to the now-widened launch site.

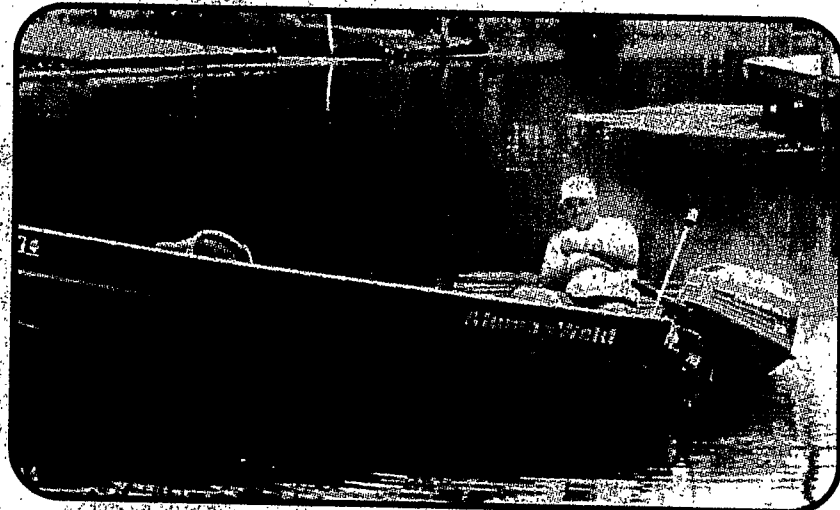
But, this launch was not to be a smooth one. The rear of the big ship slowly slid from the flatbed, but the trailer stuck in the mud, leaving the ship's bow perched high in the air. Mere gravity simply would not move the Shelley Jade.

Blocks had to be placed under the ship's hull, and the backhoe was called into service again. The truck was cut away from the flatbed, and the backhoe began its work.

Slowly, it wedged the bow of the ship upward. After each lift, volunteers placed more blocks



Temporary residents at Cabins Unlimited watch the launch as well as a skipper in a little out-board boat.



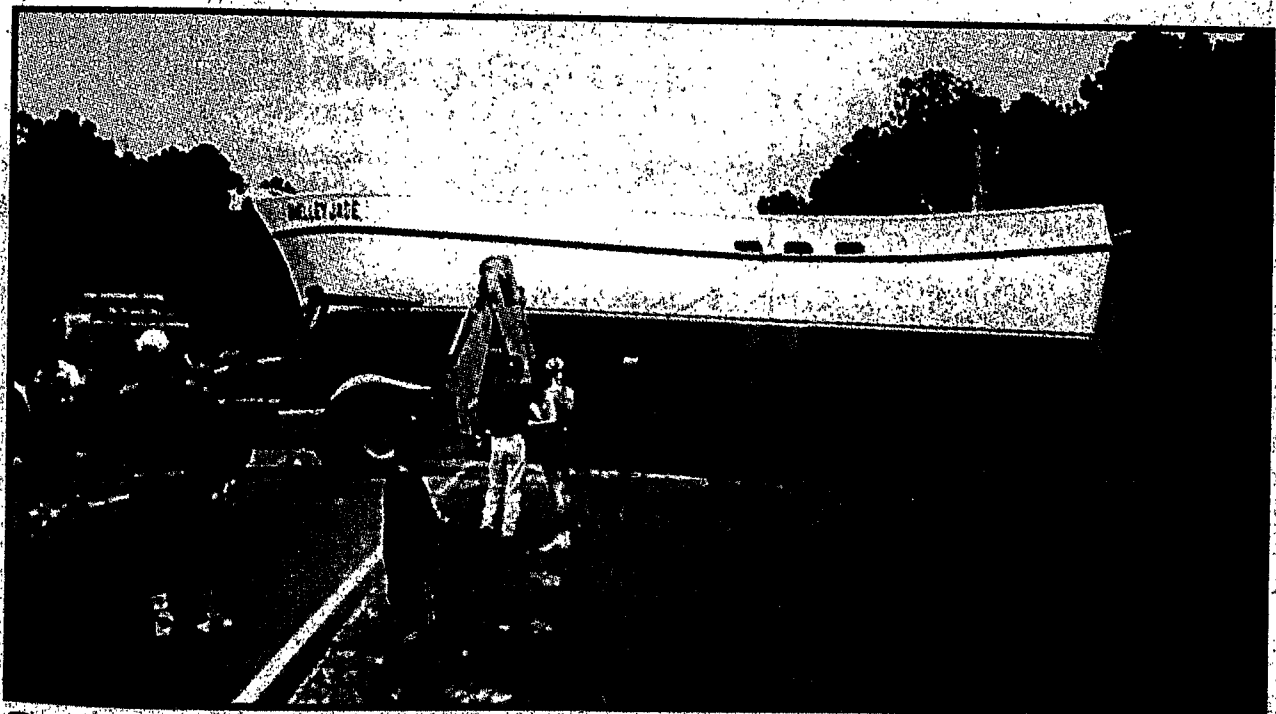
under the hull, hoping with the next lift, the vessel would slide into the water.

Finally, with hardly a splash, the Shelley Jade slipped into the canal, and began to float.

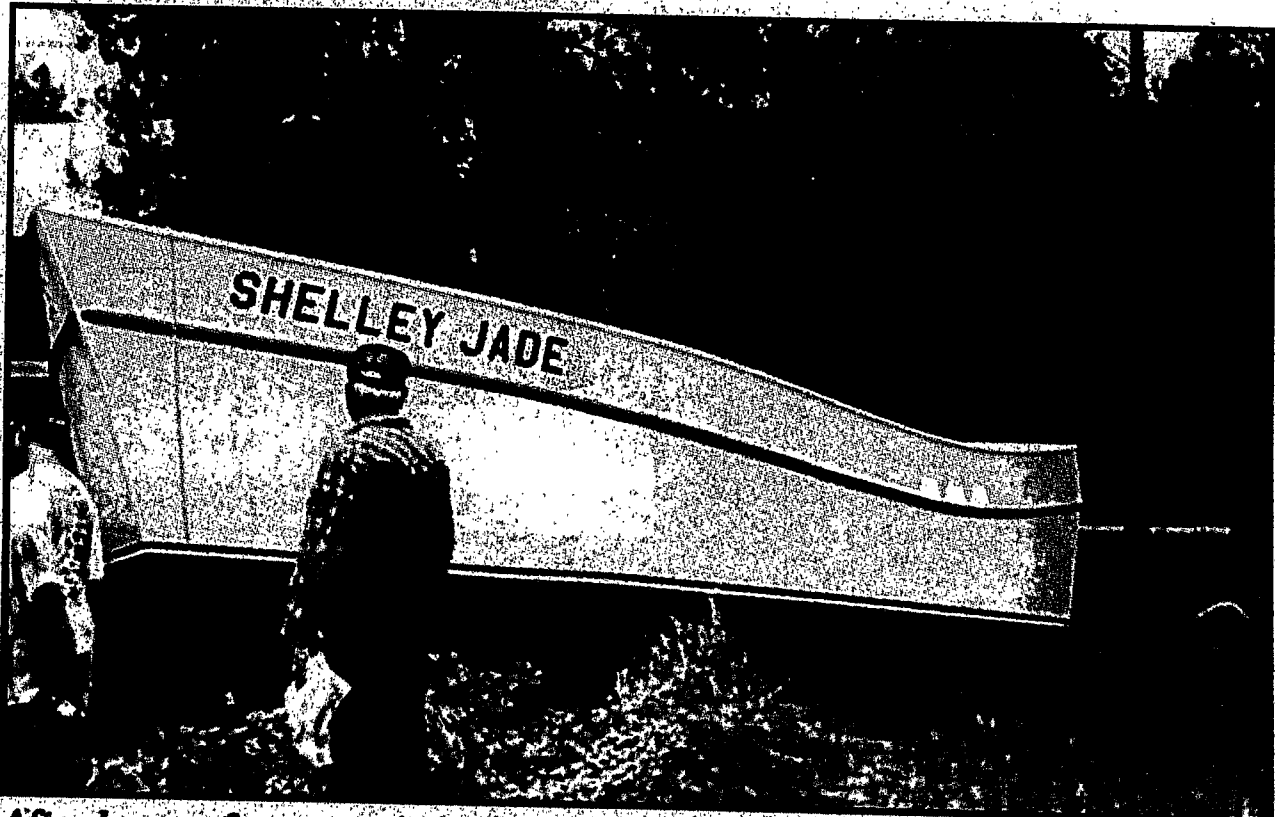
The crowd applauded and breathed a collective sigh of relief.

The Tillmans said the Shelley Jade will remain anchored in the canal, and they'll soon begin to add a cabin.

"But I think this is my last big boat," Eddie Tillman said.



Backing into the driveway, the flatbed trailer carrying the huge ship clipped the driveway and temporarily bogged down, listing to the right.



After hours of preparation, Louis Tillman breathes a sigh of relief when the Shelley Jade finally is launched into the Jourdan River.

BIRTHS

MORGAN LEE ULRICH

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ulrich of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Morgan Lee, June 2, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Ulrich is the former Donna Lee.

Maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lee Sr.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ulrich Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Olander Haas of Kiln and the late Oria Nona Haas, the late Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O. Garcia, the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Ulrich.

ELIZABETH MATHILDE GAGNET

Mr. and Mrs. Allain W. Gagnet of Waveland announce the birth of their second child, Elizabeth Mathilde, May 27, 1999 at 8:44 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Gagnet is the former Mary E. (Betsy) Brennan.

Maternal grandparents are Robert J. Brennan and Audley Berthaut Brennan of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are

Registration for 1999-2000 school year scheduled

All students expecting to attend Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools in the 1999-2000 school year will need to register at the school to which they are assigned.

Registration will be July 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., with staff available on Thursday, July 28, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Students report for their first full day of school Friday, Aug. 6.

Students who do not know which school they are to attend should call the central office at 467-6632.

Students who enter first grade must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1999; kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before that date.

Each new student must bring to registration the certificate of immunization from the Health Department or local physician, a copy of their birth certificate, and their social Security Number.

A report card or other record of grade placement are necessary to make official grade level assignment.

New students enrolled in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland schools will not be permitted to register unless residency has been verified through proper documentation.

Parents must provide the school with a copy of two of the following items for verification of residency:

Filed Homestead Exemption application form; mortgage documents or property deed; apartment or home lease; utility bills; driver's license listing present address; voter precinct identification; automobile registration; or an affidavit of residence.

Returning students who have moved since the previous school year must provide two proofs of residence upon registration.

No student will be permitted to attend classes until all registration forms have been completed and properly signed.

All students will report for a full day of school Friday, Aug. 6 at the following times: Bay High School (7-12) 7:25 a.m.; all elementary schools (K-6) 8:05 a.m.

Bus information will be posted at each school during registration. Parents with questions about busing should contact Laidlaw at 466-9002 or 467-9023.

Harold J. Gagnet of New Orleans and the late Ellen Briou Gagnet.

Great-grandparents include Vivian Berthaut of Algiers, La.

Mathilde is welcomed by her sister Mary Margaret.

CAMILLE ARLENE MARIE KEATLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Keatley of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Camille Arlene Marie, July 6,

1999 at 11:06 a.m. at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

She weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Keatley is the former Cecile Allain.

Maternal grandparents are Jean-Claude and Marie Anne Allain of Plaisir, France.

Paternal grandparent is Syrus Keatley of Saugus, Calif.

Great-grandparents include Mireille Massiot and Jacqueline Gibaud.

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OLA students receive awards

Students of Our Lady Academy received academic and achievement awards as well as other special recognition.

ALUMNAE INDUCTION

Members of the 1999 graduating class of OLA were formally inducted into the St. Joseph Academy/Our Lady Academy Alumnae Association by Amanda Vaughn, OLA '97 graduate.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Mary Patricia Williams was recognized as OLA's 1999 Valedictorian, STAR Student and an Outstanding Student by the Tandy Technology Scholars Program, which promotes science and technology education.

Betty Bensabat, English teacher and sponsor of the yearbook and literary magazine, was her STAR teacher.

Leslie Esher received recognition as the Salutatorian of the Class of 1999 and was presented with an appointment to the United States Naval Academy by Naval Blue and Gold Officer Charles Martineau. Officer Teresa McDonald presented Esher with a four-year full-tuition NROTC Scholarship.

Seniors Kimberly Martin and Delia Potee were presented with scholarships from the Knights of St. Peter Claver by Lady Marilyn Smith.

The Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award was presented to junior Sarah Luster for her outstanding achievement in math and science.

Alicia Asper, eighth grade, was recognized as OLA's winner in the National Geography Bee.

Three seventh graders, who participated in an essay contest sponsored by Partners Against Tobacco in Hancock County (PATH) were announced as winners and were presented prizes.

Erin Stechmann, Loretta Seabolt and Bonnie Taquino received \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively, for being first, second and third place winners.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Students who received perfect attendance awards for 1998-99 include Lauren Fote, Candace Mixon, Jamie Goudeau, Nora Oliver and Angela Brubaker.

PEPSI STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

The Pepsi Students of the Year were named and presented medals by San Alman III of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. They are Rachel Cranford, Julie Reboul, Mindy Davis, Tonya Piernas, Mary Frances Ladner, Roxanne McCullough and Shelley Hanson.

HONOR ROLL

Students who made Alpha Honor Roll with all A's (4.0 average) for the first three terms of this school year were given special recognition.

Seventh grade: Teddi Calamusa, Rachel Cranford, Sarah Crowe, Candace Mixon, Amanda Monti and Lauren Veach.

Eighth grade: Jennifer Loftus, Meagan Moran, Julie Reboul and Lauren Upshaw.

Ninth grade: Erica Benvenuti, Mindy Davis, Linda Nguyen and Verina Robiller.

10th grade: Sarah Carter, Katie Dennis, Nora Oliver and Jill Rutherford.

11th grade: Lauren Hansell, Colleen Ladner, Sarah Luster and Hazel Payet.

12th grade: Ashley Vinnett and Patricia Williams.

Other students who made Alpha Honor Roll with a 3.5-4.0 average for the first three terms were recognized.

Seventh grade: Anne Bradley, Courtney Fleming, Ashley Flynt, Lauren Fote, Alyssa Jung, Kathryn Kelly, Miriam Ladner, Allena Nitiss, Loretta Seabolt and Kira Reaver.

Eighth grade: Clare Adam, Breena Conaway, DeNira Deaux, Katherine Milner, Jacqueline Herber, Kara Harshbarger, Meghan Swilley, Jacquelyn Riehle, Megan Walton, Ashley Timidalski and Nicole McDonald.

Ninth grade: Sheila Barter, Adrienne Kren, Analiz Valezques and Katie Warren.

10th grade: Elizabeth Chilimigras, Amy Ellis, Mary McConnell, Samantha Neal, Latonya Piernas, Ashley Roth and Bevin Wilkinson.

11th grade: Kathleen Currie, Leigh Ann Hartwell, Elizabeth Harris, Mary Frances Ladner, Roxanne McCullough and Megan Pigott.

12th grade: Erin Bourg, Leslie Esher and Terry Fulford.

PRESIDENTIAL EDUCATION AWARDS

Five seniors qualified for the Presidential Education Award (GPA of 3.5 or higher, with high school courses in the "basics" and a score of 85% on a standardized test).

They are Erin Bourg, Leslie

Esher, Terry Fulford, Ashley Vinnett and Patricia Williams.

Nine eighth graders qualified for the Presidential Education Award.

They are Alicia Asper, Jennifer Glover, Kara Harshbarger, Katie Looney, Meagan Moran, Mary Keith Puckett, Julie Reboul, Meghan Swilley and Ashley Timidalski.

NATIONAL LATIN EXAM AWARDS

Four students received awards from the National Latin Exam taken in the spring.

They are Anna Brannin and Linda Nguyen, both fourth place, cum laude certificate, Latin I; Hazel Payet, third place, magna cum laude certificate, Latin II; and Terry Fulford, fourth place, cum laude certificate, Latin III.

MISSISSIPPI YOUTH LEGISLATURE

Recognition was given to students for outstanding work with the Mississippi Youth Legislature. State Officers: Emily Taylor, Lieutenant Governor, and Megan Pigott, Secretary of Senate.

Appointed positions: Katie Dennis, Assistant Secretary of Senate, and Mary Ladner, Governor's Staff.

Outstanding Senators: Mary Ladner and Allyson Vaughn.

Outstanding Representatives: Sarah Luster, Mandy McConnell and Megan Pigott.

Most Outstanding Committee Chair: Colleen Bartholomew.

SERVICE AWARDS

The Campus Ministry recognized the underclassmen who volunteered 44-99 hours of service to OLA and to their communities.

The following were given a service pin and a certificate: Colleen Bartholomew, Rachel Dauro, Jamie English, Jennifer Glover, Kristin D. Ladner, Verina Robiller, Jill Rutherford and Christine Schmitz.

The following seniors were presented service pins for one or more terms of volunteer services: Leslie Bennett, Colleen Bohn, Aimee Boudreaux, Shay Coss, Michelle Cuevas, Chevonne Daigre, April Ebrite, Leslie Esher, Jamie Fortenberry, Kim Frazier, Sheri-Ladner, Kimberly Martin, Diana Nguyen, Ann-Marie Perina, Delia Potee, Lindsey Rogers, Courtney Scianna, Julie Sellier, Elissa Tucker, Ashley Vinnett, Patricia Williams and Olivia Willis.

ACADEMIC AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Academic awards were presented to the students with the highest average in each subject.

Achievement awards were presented to the students demonstrating positive attitudes and showing the most growth, improvement and contribution.

ART

Fine Arts: Academic, Ashley Roth; Achievement, Emily Taylor.

Art I: Academic, Nora Oliver; Achievement, April Ebrite and Christine Rivera.

Art 7th Grade: Academic, Teddi Calamusa; Achievement, Erin Stechmann and Laura Ellis.

BUSINESS

8th Grade: Keyboarding Academic, Mikky Kenny.

Entrepreneurship: Academic, Leigh Ann Hartwell; Achievement, Lauren Coward.

Accounting: Academic, Melissa Niolet; Achievement, DeShawna Meaghan.

Personal Finance: Academic, Olivia Willis; Achievement, Meaghan Donohoe and Adrienne Kren.

Computer Applications: Academic, Colleen Ladner; Achievement, Kathy Nguyen and Ashley Chrisman.

Computer Discovery: Academic, Jacqueline Herber; Achievement, Laurie Ladner, Amanda Sramek and Nikki McDonald.

Overall Business Academic: Julie Sellier.

ENGLISH

7th Grade English: Academic, Candace Mixon; Achievement, Ashley Flint.

7th Grade Reading: Academic, Sarah Crowe; Achievement, Amanda Monti.

8th Grade English: Academic, Lauren Upshaw and Julie Reboul; Achievement, Rachel Zimmerman and Ashley Rutherford.

8th Grade Reading: Academic, Julie Reboul; Achievement, Clare Adam.

English I: Academic, Linda Nguyen; Achievement, Jennifer Glover.

English II: Academic, Katie Dennis and Nora Oliver; Achievement, Tasha Car and Sandy Whitmann.

English III: Academic, Leigh Ann Hartwell; Achievement, Sarah Luster.

English IV: Academic, Patricia Williams; Achievement, Leslie Esher and Ashley Vinnett.

Creative Writing: Academic, Christie Derruss; Achievement, Hazel Payet.

Public Speaking: Academic, Erin Gallagher; Achievement, Chevonne Daigre.

20th Century Literature: Academic, Emily Taylor; Achievement, Kathleen Currie.

Short Stories: Academic, Patricia Williams; Achievement, Kathleen Currie.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Latin I: Academic, Linda Nguyen; Achievement, Mindy Davis and Analiz Valezques.

Latin II: Academic, Hazel Payet; Achievement, Sarah Luster.

Latin III: Academic, Terry Fulford; Achievement, Tiffany Herring and Christine Rivera.

Introduction to Spanish: Academic, Jacqueline Herber.

Spanish I: Academic, Katie Warren; Achievement, Kathy Nguyen and Kristina West.

Spanish II: Academic, Latonya Piernas; Achievement, Jessica Duke and Elizabeth Wahl.

Spanish III: Academic, Nora Oliver; Achievement, Connie Balentine and Kristin Lamarca.

Spanish IV: Academic, Lauren Hansell; Achievement, Leslie Morel.

International Foreign Language Award nominees: Lauren Hansell, Mary Frances Ladner, Leslie Morel and Allyson Vaughn.

MATHEMATICS

7th Grade Math: Academic, Alyssa Jung; Achievement, Kathryn Kelly and McAllister

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Pre-Algebra 7th: Academic, Sarah Crowe; Achievement, Erin Stechmann.

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Algebra I: Academic, Lauren Upshaw; Achievement, Sheila Barter, Camille Covington, Kara Harshbarger and Nikki McDonald.

Geometry: Academic, Mindy Davis; Achievement, Rachel Dauro, Jessica Heaton, Verina Robiller and Analiz Valezques.

Algebra II: Academic, Elizabeth Chilimigras; Achievement, Ashley Roth and Kristin Lamarca.

Advanced Algebra: Academic, Sarah Luster; Achievement, Angela Brown and Katy Kennedy.

Trigonometry: Academic, Sarah Luster; Achievement, Beth Harris and Elissa Tucker.

Pre-Calculus: Academic, Colleen Ladner; Achievement, Megan Pigott.

Calculus AB: Academic, Leslie Esher; Achievement, Aimee Boudreaux and Ashley Vinnett.

Probability and Statistics: Academic, Sarah Luster.

MUSIC

7th Grade: Academic, Lauren Phares; Achievement, Sarah Crowe and Bonnie Taquino.

Chorus: Academic, Rachel Dauro; Achievement, Amy Ellis.

7th-8th Grade Band: Academic, Lauren Veach.

9th-12th Grade Band: Academic, Roxanne McCullough.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health: Academic, Erica Benvenuti; Achievement, Mindy Davis.

7th Grade P.E.: Academic, Allena Nitiss; Achievement, Sarah Crowe.

8th Grade P.E.: Academic, Keith Puckett; Achievement, Jenny Loftus.

9th-12th Grade P.E.: Academic, Kathleen Currie, Achievement, Leslie Ben-net.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

7th Grade: Academic, Amanda Monti; Achievement, Erin Stechmann.

8th Grade: Academic, Jackie Reihle; Achievement, Julie Reboul.

Religious Studies I: Academic, Sheila Barter; Achievement, Emilie Scianna.

Religious Studies II: Academic, Elizabeth Chilimigras; Achievement, Samantha Neal and Nora Oliver.

Religious Studies III: Academic, Colleen Ladner; Achievement, Meaghan Donohoe.

Religious Studies IV: Academic, Leslie Esher; Achievement, Aimee Boudreaux.

Death & Dying: Achievement, Michelle Cuevas.

Prayer and Spirituality: Achievement, Connie Balentine and Angela Brown.

SCIENCE

7th Grade: Academic, Sarah Crowe; Achievement, Candace Mixon and Amanda Monti.

8th Grade: Lauren Upshaw; Achievement, Alicia Asper and Julie Reboul.

Physical Science: Academic,

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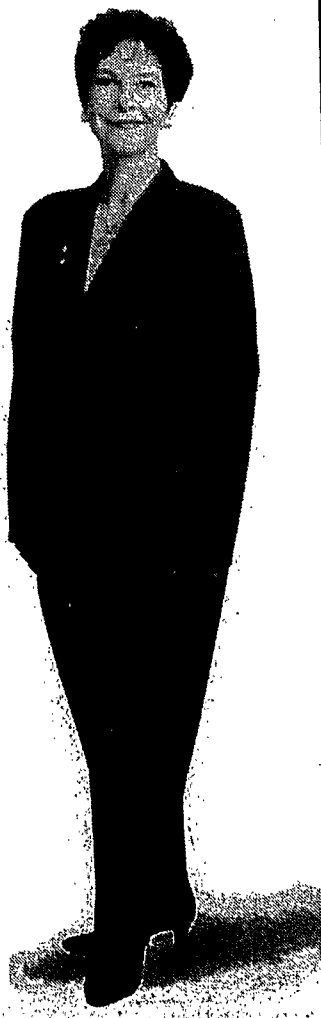


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Gulf students make Loyola dean's list

Loyola University New Orleans announced its dean's list for the spring 1999 semester for students completing the semester with a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Area students include Bich T. Tran of Pass Christian, College of Business; and Meredith M. Quinlan of Waveland, College of Arts and Sciences.

Based on the heritage of Catholic Jesuit higher education in Louisiana since 1849, Loyola University New Orleans was chartered in 1912.



On stage

Voyagers perform for parents and friends at the Voyager Celebration.

Voyager Summer Program Celebration

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District Voyager Summer Program ended June 30 with a celebration. Parents and friends were invited to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of students in grades 1-4 who attended the 4 week program entitled Pre-Med. The students projects and samples of Clinic Rotations were on display. This summer, students explored the wonders of the human body, visited Hancock Medical Center, and met heroic men and women who save lives everyday. The students discovered the origins of disease, determined how food serves as fuel for the body, and learned functions of the organs of the body. Daily, the students were



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Voyager, Brian Porter, explains his project to parent, Sue Porter, and Sarah Powell.

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Awards

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Mindy Davis, Achievement, Colleen Bartholomew and Verina Robiller.

Anatomy & Physiology: Academic, Colleen Ladner; Achievement, Jill Rutherford.

Biology: Academic, Nora Oliver, Achievement, Kristen D. Ladner and Amber Lewis.

Chemistry: Academic, Sarah Luster, Achievement, Leigh Ann Hartwell and Megan Pigott.

Environmental Science: Academic, Jeanie Fortenberry, Achievement, Kathleen Currie.

Genetics: Academic, Hazel Payet, Achievement, Elizabeth Chilmigras.

Molecular Biology: Academic, Lauren Hansell, Achievement, Kim Frazier.

Marine Biology: Academic, Tiffany Herring, Achievement, Elissa Tucker.

Physics: Academic, Erin Bourg, Achievement, Terry Fulford.

SOCIAL STUDIES

7th Grade World History: Academic, Sarah Crowe, Achievement, Anne Bradley and Loretta Seabolt.

8th Grade American History: Academic, Lauren Upshaw, Achievement, Erinn Jackson and Nicole McDonald.

Mississippi Studies: Academic, Mindy Davis, Achievement, Linda Nguyen and Meghan Williams.

World Geography: Academic, Colleen Ladner, Achievement, Ann Brannin and Shawn Negrotto.

World History: Academic, Nora Oliver, Achievement, Kristin Lamarca and Jill Rutherford.

Global Studies: Academic,

Elizabeth Wahl, Achievement, Mary Frances Ladner.

U.S. History: Academic, Roxanne McCullough, Achievement, Colleen Ladner and Mary Frances Ladner.

U.S. Government: Academic, Shay Coss, Achievement, Melissa Niolet.

Economics: Academic, Diana Nguyen, Achievement, Angela Brown and Michelle Cuevas.

Psychology: Academic, Patricia Williams, Achievement, Erin Harshbarger.

Law Related Education: Academic, Jeanie Fortenberry, Achievement, Elissa Tucker.

STUDY SKILLS

Study Skills: 7th Grade Academic, Rachel Cranford; Achievement, Anne Bradley and Teddi Calamusa.

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After an estimated 5000 years, the brick mason industry is alive and well entering into a new millennium.

Porter Soley, instructor of the masonry program at Pearl River Community College, says the industry will need 55,000 brick masons by the year 2000.

"It is predicted that brick masons will average \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year," said Soley, who attended PRC in 1971 and 1972 and is finishing his third year as instructor of the program.

And even though there have been technological developments in brick saws, cutters, scaffolding, mixers, guide poles, lead guides, brick materials, and mortar, the profession is still not for the physically weak or mentally challenged.

"A brick mason still needs good eye and hand coordination, good health and physical abilities," said Soley. "The job is physical and rewarding, and your day's work can last -- maybe forever."

Soley said Kenny Woullard, a May 1998 graduate, immediately made \$16.50 an hour. Within three months he was pulling down \$19.50 an hour.

"A 1995 graduate, who apprenticed under me, took a job in Mobile and he told me last month that he made over \$50,000 last year," said Soley. "There are good jobs available in the residential, industrial and commercial markets."

Soley said masonry graduates will spend time serving an apprenticeship with contractors or with their local brick laying unions. After the one-year PRCC program, most brick masons start a two-year period of apprenticeship training.

Soley said he traveled the southeastern part of the United States laying fire bricks and lining lime kilns for huge paper mills and other companies.

"Years ago work was seasonal," said Soley. "But today's craftsmen have access to portable heaters, occasionally air-conditioners, and are trained to do different types of work inside during wet weather."

"Brick laying is an art," said Soley. "You still build something one brick at a time. Becoming a brick mason is a decision I've never regretted making."

Soley was hired at PRCC when Charles Ray Rester retired in 1996. "Most of my apprenticeship was under Rester. I owe a great deal to his mastery of the trade," said Soley. "I learned the trade from Mr. Rester. He is the best."

Pearl River's program is one of only three programs in Mississippi. Soley's son, Jason, represents the state in the national VICA competition in Kansas City, Mo. during June competition.

Soley, who advises the local VICA chapter, said Bradley Smith of Purvis will represent PRCC in the welding competition and Bradley Stewart of Purvis will compete in diesel mechanics at the national event.

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TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS 233 met on Tuesday, July 13, at the Waveland Public Library. Judy was the week's best loser with 3.75 pounds.

Kathy was the week's best KOPS loser. Jeanette won the gift. Sarah won the incentive award. A program was presented by Debbie.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Pat at 467-6285.

Hancock County Republican Women's Club

All Hancock County Women's Club members and guests are invited to "Morning Coffee" at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24 at the home of Marta Sweeney in "The Oaks" at Diamondhead.

The guest of honor will be Gerry Switzer, candidate for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Phone 255-8119 for directions.

All registered voters are urged to vote in the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 3. Being on vacation, disabled, elderly, etc., is no excuse for not voting. All absentee voting is executed via Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler, P.O. Box 249, Bay St. Louis, 39520. You can phone her office at 467-5265 for any and all absentee voting information.

The club's regular monthly meetings adjourn during the months of July and August. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. at the library meeting room, 312 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

Dunbar Village support group to meet

Dunbar Village is an official affiliate of the South Mississippi Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

A family support group meeting is held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Dunbar Village

Courtyard, 725 Dunbar Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

The meeting is free and open for any family member, friend or caregiver of Alzheimer's patients.

For information, call Donna Davis at 228-466-3099.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Waveland 307

TOPS MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, July 14 at the Waveland Public Library. Sixteen members were present. Jean was the week's best loser with 3 1/4 pounds. Top KOPS was Paula. Ruth won the incentive award.

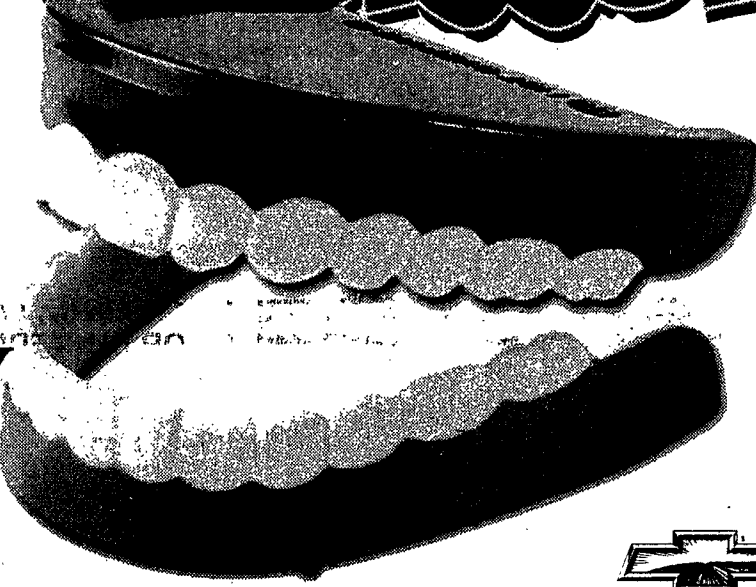
Jenny won the raffle, and Naomi received a charm for losing six weeks in a row. Sharon presented a program on the importance of breakfast and fat intake. Paula shared on apple cider vinegar for weight loss.

TOPS' web address is <http://www.tops.org>. Log on for loads of information. The weight loss chapter promotes enthusiasm, recognition, understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

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MILITARY MENTIONS

PFC ROCHE
Marine Pfc. Jason D. Roche, son of Gary A. and Janet H. Roche of Diamondhead, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Roche was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

He joined the Marine Corps in November 1998.

CPL LUCKY
Marine Lance Cpl. Destin L. Lucky, son of Kent and Pauline A. Ruhr of Bay St. Louis, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

During the deployment Lucky participated in the exercise Eager Mace, an exercise conducted to improve the interoperability between Kuwait and U.S. military forces.

They also participated in Edged Mallet, a bilateral training exercise with the Kenya military.

Lucky conducted port visits to Australia, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Kenya, Singapore and Thailand. While in port he had the opportunity to be involved in multiple community relations projects.

The 1997 graduate of Hancock High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1997.

TSGT STEPHENS
Air Force Tech. Sgt. Shelia D. Stephens has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi.

The graduate received instruction in advanced military leadership and management theories and responsibilities; physical fitness and conditioning; oral and written communications skills; supervisory roles relative to the Air Force mission and organization; human behavior concepts and problem solving, including counseling techniques and orienting new personnel in the principles, practices and tools necessary to operate in the Air Force.

Stephens is an equipment management element supervisor assigned to the 437th Supply Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

She is the daughter of Gertrude C. Taylor of Vallejo, Calif. and Charles Haskin of Bay St. Louis.

SPEC CLEMMONS
Army Spec. Ronald E. Clemmons arrived for duty at the Vilseck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany.

Clemmons is a unit supply specialist assigned to the 529th Ordnance in Vilseck.

He is the son of Rosie L. Martin of Chicago, Ill.

His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Richard Kiser of Lawrence, Ill., and Mary Kiser of Bay St. Louis.

PFC HUME
Marine Pfc. Kevin J. Hume, a 1998 graduate of Hancock High School, recently was promoted to his present rank and reported for duty with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He joined the Marine Corps in October 1998.

Senate Finance Committee marks up VA Medicare Subvention Bill

The Senate Finance Committee marked up the Medicare Subvention Demonstration for Veterans Act of 1999, a bill that will test a concept that could eventually provide more reliable medical care to nearly four million veterans, said U.S. Senator Trent Lott, a member of the committee.

Under the Veterans Administration (VA) Medicare Subvention measure, which is co-sponsored by Lott, Medicare-eligible veterans 65 and older would receive Medicare coverage at VA hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities.

The bill provides veterans

with the option of receiving either VA or Medicare coverage at a VA facility instead of being forced to locate to a new hospital and a new doctor because, in some circumstances, current law prohibits Medicare from reimbursing on behalf of services provided by a federal health care provider.

The amendment grew out of the 1997 DoD Medicare Subvention Amendment, originally sponsored by Senator Lott. Provisions of this year's bill, which is expected to reach the Senate floor later this year, would provide more money and better services for veterans in addition to saving Medicare Trust Fund money.

Instead of the full 100 percent billing by public hospitals, VA hospitals charge only 95 percent reimbursement.

The Secretary of the Veterans Administration and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will select specific demonstration sites for the project when the bill is signed into law.

Mississippi State lab receives award to research naval vessels

High-end computing capabilities at Mississippi State are earning a \$3 million award from the U.S. Office of Naval Research.

The Computational Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at the university's National Science Foundation/Engineering Research Center will conduct research in three areas: the design of a new class of Navy destroyers, a study of submarine maneuvering capabilities and a continuation of improved computational design programs.

ERC research scientist Roger Briley said the MSU award is part of a strengthened research program in naval-oriented computational engineering advanced this year in Congress by Mississippi senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran.

"It also is the result of our lab's advanced computer simulation capabilities," the mechanical engineering professor added.

ERC scientists already are working on a university/government/industry effort to design the Navy's newest class of vessels, the DD-21 Land Attack Destroyer. Armed with attack helicopters and a system of unmanned aerial vehicles, the proposed multi-mission ship would be capable of providing major offensive support for American ground forces.

The Navy is sponsoring a design competition for the new vessel, the proposals to be submitted by a "Blue Team" led by

Maine's Bath Iron Works Corp. and a "Gold Team" led by Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula.

MSU research supported by the Navy award will contribute to the efforts of both the Maine and Mississippi teams. Once Defense Department officials agree on a final design, Ingalls and Bath will share equally in construction of all 32 ships planned for the class.

Meanwhile, the submarine-maneuvering program supported by the award is part of the ERC's long-term research with submarine design.

"The objective here is to develop an improved physics-based computational method for determining the maneuvering characteristics of fully-configured underwater vehicles," Briley said. "The ERC's simulation capability will provide predictions and understanding that will help improve the design, performance and operational safety of submarines."

In the third research focus area, the Computational Fluid Dynamics Lab will expand its work on technology that already has introduced a major innovation will enable the Navy to address a broad range of design problems.

"The new technique is being used to design improved marine propellers," Briley said. "The new funding will support continuation of research in that area."



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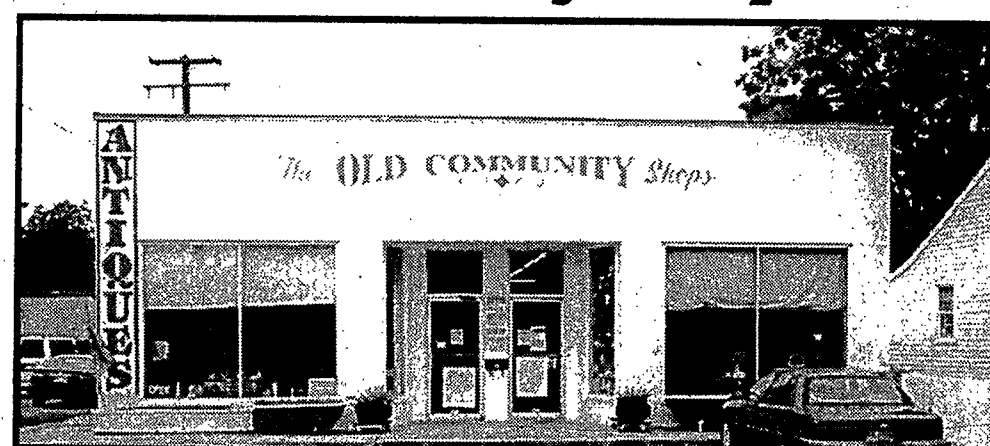
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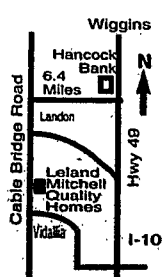
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MILITARY MENTIONS

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Marine Pfc. Jason D. Roche, son of Gary A. and Janet H. Roche of Diamondhead, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Roche was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

He joined the Marine Corps in November 1998.

CPL LUCKY

Marine Lance Cpl. Destin L. Lucky, son of Kent and Pauline A. Ruhr of Bay St. Louis, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

During the deployment Lucky participated in the exercise Eager Mace, an exercise conducted to improve the interoperability between Kuwait and U.S. military forces.

They also participated in Edged Mallet, a bilateral training exercise with the Kenya military.

Lucky conducted port visits to Australia, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Kenya, Singapore and Thailand. While in port he had the opportunity to be involved in multiple community relations projects.

The 1997 graduate of Hancock High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1997.

TSGT STEPHENS

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Shelia D. Stephens has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi.

The graduate received instruction in advanced military leadership and management theories and responsibilities; physical fitness and conditioning; oral and written communications skills; supervisory roles relative to the Air Force mission and organization; human behavior concepts and problem solving, including counseling techniques and orienting new personnel in the principles, practices and tools necessary to operate in the Air Force.

Stephens is an equipment management element supervisor assigned to the 437th Supply Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

She is the daughter of Gertrude C. Taylor of Vallejo, Calif. and Charles Haskin of Bay St. Louis.

SPEC CLEMMONS

Army Spec. Ronald E. Clemmons arrived for duty at the Vilseck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany.

Clemmons is a unit supply specialist assigned to the 529th Ordnance in Vilseck.

He is the son of Rosie L. Martin of Chicago, Ill.

His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Richard Kiser of Lawrence, Ill., and Mary Kiser of Bay St. Louis.

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Senate Finance Committee marks up VA Medicare Subvention Bill

The Senate Finance Committee marked up the Medicare Subvention Demonstration for Veterans Act of 1999, a bill that will test a concept that could eventually provide more reliable medical care to nearly four million veterans, said U.S. Senator Trent Lott, a member of the committee.

Under the Veterans Administration (VA) Medicare Subvention measure, which is co-sponsored by Lott, Medicare-eligible veterans 65 and older would receive Medicare coverage at VA hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities.

The bill provides veterans

with the option of receiving either VA or Medicare coverage at a VA facility instead of being forced to locate to a new hospital and a new doctor because, in some circumstances, current law prohibits Medicare from reimbursing on behalf of services provided by a federal health care provider.

The amendment grew out of the 1997 DoD Medicare Subvention Amendment, originally sponsored by Senator Lott. Provisions of this year's bill, which is expected to reach the Senate floor later this year, would provide more money and better services for veterans in addition to saving Medicare Trust Fund money.

Instead of the full 100 percent billing by public hospitals, VA hospitals charge only 95 percent reimbursement.

The Secretary of the Veterans Administration and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will select specific demonstration sites for the project when the bill is signed into law.

Mississippi State lab receives award to research naval vessels

High-end computing capabilities at Mississippi State are earning a \$3 million award from the U.S. Office of Naval Research.

The Computational Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at the university's National Science Foundation/Engineering Research Center will conduct research in three areas: the design of a new class of Navy destroyers, a study of submarine maneuvering capabilities and a continuation of improved computational design programs.

ERC research scientist Roger Briley said the MSU award is part of a strengthened research program in naval-oriented computational engineering advanced this year in Congress by Mississippi senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran.

"It also is the result of our lab's advanced computer simulation capabilities," the mechanical engineering professor added.

ERC scientists already are working on a university/government/industry effort to design the Navy's newest class of vessels, the DD-21 Land Attack Destroyer. Armed with attack helicopters and a system of unmanned aerial vehicles, the proposed multi-mission ship would be capable of providing major offensive support for American ground forces.

The Navy is sponsoring a design competition for the new vessel, the proposals to be submitted by a "Blue Team" led by

Maine's Bath Iron Works Corp. and a "Gold Team" led by Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula.

MSU research supported by the Navy award will contribute to the efforts of both the Maine and Mississippi teams. Once Defense Department officials agree on a final design, Ingalls and Bath will share equally in construction of all 32 ships planned for the class.

Meanwhile, the submarine-maneuvering program supported by the award is part of the ERC's long-term research with submarine design.

"The objective here is to develop an improved physics-based computational method for determining the maneuvering characteristics of fully-configured underwater vehicles," Briley said. "The ERC's simulation capability will provide predictions and understanding that will help improve the design, performance and operational safety of submarines."

In the third research focus area, the Computational Fluid Dynamics Lab will expand its work on technology that already has introduced a major innovation will enable the Navy to address a broad range of design problems.

"The new technique is being used to design improved marine propulsors," Briley said. "The new funding will support continuation of research in that area."



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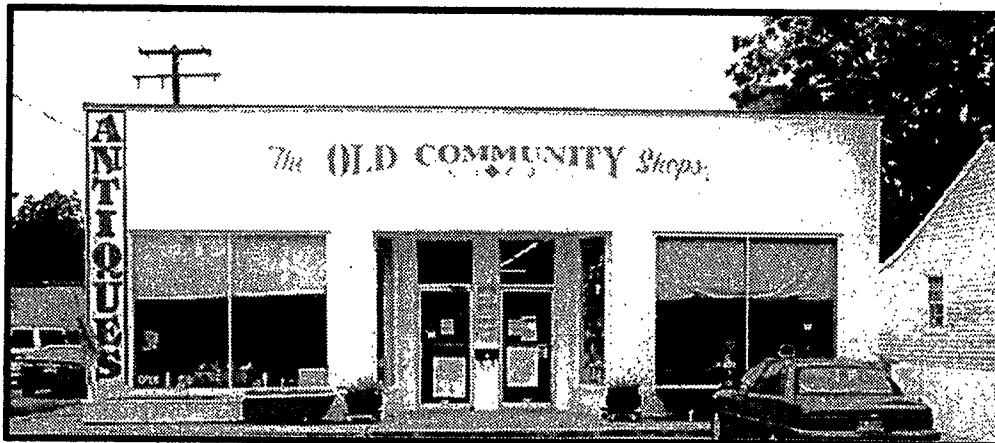
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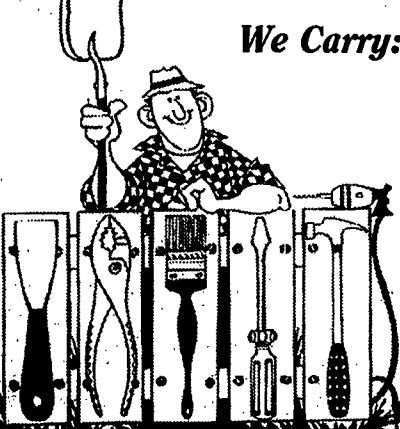
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The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Bay High School and a 1987 graduate of Pearl River Community College. He is co-owner of S & B Sports Bar in Waveland.

The wedding will take place August 7, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

Mississippi oral history project begins work on the Coast

The Mississippi Humanities Council will hold a press conference in Biloxi to announce the kickoff of the Mississippi Oral History Project on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Funded by the Mississippi Legislature during the 1999 Legislative Session, the oral history project is designed to preserve the memories of Mississippi's older citizens through interviews conducted

at selected sites throughout the state.

Local program participants conducting the interviews will receive their initial training at a workshop to be held prior to the press conference.

Program participants, representatives from Community Bridges, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and members of the Mississippi Legislature will be available for comment.

Healthcare facilities management annual meeting scheduled in Aug.

JACKSON -- The Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA) Society for Healthcare Facilities Management will hold its 25th annual meeting Aug. 4-6 at the Grand Casino Bayview Hotel & Convention Center in Biloxi. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

The agenda will include Testing & Balance Procedures-Hydraulics, Disaster Recovery and aspects of Y2K and 1999 Environment of Care-JCAHO.

MHA will offer six hours of continuing education credit. As last year, HMA will allow exhibitors and sponsors a

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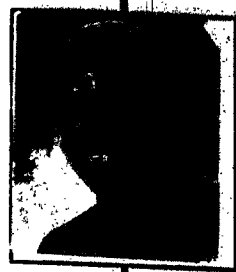
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By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

Lola Falana had a few problems getting her fabled career underway, because her ability was often doubted before interviews. But, with doors about to close in her face, her irrepressible personality always won the day, assuring doubters:

"You haven't seen anyone until you've seen me! Your interviews may be closed, but you just have to try me!"

Once her talents were tried, of course, the rest is history, as she galvanized the Las Vegas crowds for years with her electric singing and dancing. Most of us were a witness to this only on special shows through the medium of TV.

"I had it all," she assured us, her willingly captive audience. "I had the fancy homes, the swimming pools, a Mercedes Benz and everything that comes with them. I had the name, the glamour and the power which come with huge success."

"Little did I know that God was setting me up, exposing me to everything mundane in order to use me as an instrument against seduction and corruption by worldly things. I can speak with authority since I've been there, done that."

"Then God decided to humble me, make me grovel in the dirt and come to him for healing. A score of tumors over several years, among other painful illnesses, forced me to reach out for the only person who could walk and water and heal me."

That was only the beginning for Lola. Eventually, the bottom fell out under one of life's worst afflictions.

"One day I woke up paralyzed on my entire left side, beady

twisted toward my left with gnarled fingers and no ability to help myself at all. After many examinations, the doctors told me there was nothing they could do for me."

The awful truth was, Lola Falana had fallen victim to multiple sclerosis (MS), "the killer of young adults." To make matters worse, there is no known cure for MS.

Having been informed that the plan was to consign her to a nursing area where nurses would oversee her needs for the rest of her life, Lola was on the verge of despair when she experienced a manifestation of God in the doctor's office.

"I want to go home," she told the doctors in mangled English. Met with resistance, she repeated, "I want to go home," was her repeated, weak response, bent on getting out of the hospital, lest the doctors take credit for God's healing.

Finally relenting, the doctors allowed her to go home accompanied by two women who saw to her every need for five days, after which God ordered Lola to thank them and dismiss them, leaving her alone with him.

One night, a manifestation of God produced a powerful force at the base of Lola's neck, moving down the left side of her body. "Only the baby finger was allowed to move. Improvement came only with many months of prayer."

"God was beginning to deal with my MS," she continued. "I was into constant prayer and began to see one thing after another improve, beginning with my little finger. Still, it took months to feel any marked improvement."

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This week's clue: A equals T

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: John 20:29 (C) 1989 Charles Marx 99-29

Religion Broadcast Ban Rumor Is Long-Standing Falsehood: It's Not True

By the Federal Communications Commission

A rumor has been circulating since 1975 that Madalyn Murray O'Hair, then a widely known, self-proclaimed atheist, proposed that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) consider limiting or banning religious programming. This rumor is not true. It also has been circulated repeatedly that Ms. O'Hair was granted an FCC hearing to discuss that proposal. This too is untrue.

The Commission has been asked about this more than 35 million times in the last 23 years. Stories about the rumor have appeared in major publications, yet the erroneous story persists.

There is no federal law nor regulation that gives the FCC the authority to prohibit radio and television stations from presenting religious programs.

Actually, the Communications Act (the law that established the FCC and defines its authority) prohibits the FCC from censoring broadcast material and interfering with freedom of speech in broadcasting.

The FCC cannot direct any broadcaster to present, or refrain from presenting, announcements or programs on religion, and the FCC cannot act as an arbitrator on the insights or accuracy of such material. Broadcasters, not the FCC, nor any other governmental agency, have the responsibility for selecting the programming that is aired by their stations.

A petition filed in December, 1974 by Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milam, which was routinely assigned the number RM-2493, added further confusion regarding the issue of religious programming. They had asked, among other things, that the

FCC inquire into operating practices of stations licensed to religious organizations.

The petitioners had also asked that no new licenses be granted for any new noncommercial educational broadcasting station, until the requested inquiry had been completed. The "Lansman-Milam petition" was DENIED by the FCC on August 1, 1975.

The Commission explained then that it is required by the First Amendment "to observe a stance of neutrality toward religion, acting neither to promote nor to inhibit religion." It also explained that it must treat religious and secular organizations alike in determining their eligibility for broadcasting channels.

Periodically since 1975, the FCC has received mail, phone calls and e-mails indicating that, in many parts of the country, there were rumors claiming the petitions of RM-2493 had called for an end to religious programs on radio and television. Such additional mail and telephone calls came in from people who thought that Ms. O'Hair was a sponsor of RM-2493. This rumor also is false.

The FCC has made many efforts to try end the rumor, including sending information to religion organizations and to publications such as your community newspaper to alert the public of the falsehood of these stories.

(This article is an unofficial announcement. Only release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. For more information, write the FCC, Public Service Division, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C., 20554 or call 202-418-0190 or TTY at 202-418-2555.)

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The Bible tells us that we should not worry about anything, but in all our prayers ask God for what we need, and most importantly, always ask Him with a thankful heart. God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep our hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. And although God already knows all of our thoughts, cares, and worries, prayer has a way of pacifying the soul and bringing peace to those who pray.

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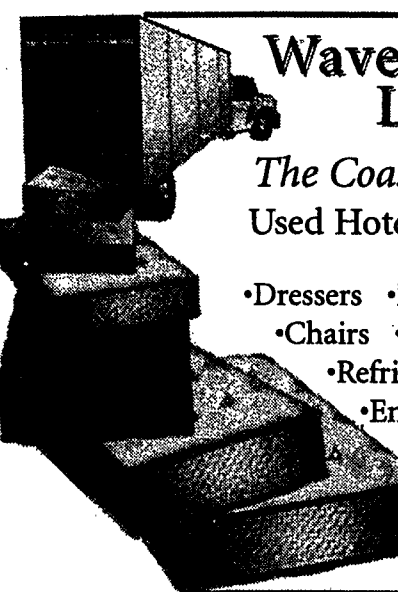
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MAFES agronomist studies ant problem

By Rebekah Ray
MSU Ag Communications
They are chemists, architects, engineers -- and invaders.

"I don't know of anything that has been such an unstoppable force in the South like fire ants. Not only are they harmful to humans and animals, they are changing our environment," said Dr. David Pettry, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, agronomist. Pettry's research has investigated the impact fire ants are having on the environment.

More than 50 years ago, they probably "stowed away" on a ship and landed in Mobile, Ala. Since then, imported fire ants have spread across the Southeast. Now they infest more than 200 million acres in 11 states and Puerto Rico.

Two species of imported fire ants are found in Mississippi, the red or light species and the black or dark species. These tiny intruders can seriously impact agricultural production. Their mounds alter vital soil characteristics, damage crops, and interfere with cultivation, grazing and harvesting.

"Not only are they dangerous, their venom can be poisonous," Pettry said. "When bitten, humans may develop allergic reactions to the venom. And, if a newborn calf falls into one of the mounds, the results can be serious."

The battle between humans and fire ants rages on. "The materials used to fight fire ants are staggering. People

have tried a number of approaches, including gasoline, motor oil, insecticides, boiling water, Clorox, Tide and even grapefruit halves. These could seep underground into the water table, so we need to know about fire ants to protect the environment," Pettry said.

For the last four years, Pettry and Mississippi State University scientists William Green and Richard Switzer have examined the impact fire ants have made on a wide variety of Mississippi soils. In consultation with MSU's Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology and U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers, the team hoped to uncover some long-term implications regarding structure, composition and function of ant beds on Mississippi soils.

Studies conducted on 12 soil sites throughout the state examined the effects fire ant beds may be having on Mississippi's soils. Researchers measured and compared the structure, composition and other physical components like temperature and water.

Research showed that ant beds are very porous and are composed of particles of excavated soil and plant material mixed and assembled by the ants. The mounds are typically higher in clay, phosphorus and potassium, and lower in organic matter, sand and silt than the surrounding undisturbed topsoil.

The pH of the inhabited mound and submound is usually higher than that of the uninhabited bed and has very different temperatures and moisture levels. The mounds also heat up faster than surrounding soil in the spring and summer, and they dry out more quickly than adjacent soils.

The ant beds allow more water infiltration and leaching through the fragile crust and porous channel network. Additionally, active ant mounds have increased populations of bacteria and fungi.

Perhaps the most obvious long-term effect of fire ants is the blending of the upper part of the soil, which changes the nutrient and water retention in the soil. In their mound-construction process, ants bring subsoil to the surface and mix it with topsoil. When these mounds collapse, the materials backfill the channels, so that the chemical composition of the soil is altered.

This could result in noticeable increases in the need for agricultural fertilizer as elements such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium may be lost from the soil through concentration and leaching. As colonies relocate, die or

develop, ants may alter 100 percent of a give landscape in less than 100 years.

Imported fire ants have taken hold of soils that have never before experienced such destructive forces. As they take over these new environments, the fire ants are changing soil composition and format.

"We don't yet have an envi-

ronmentally friendly way to control imported fire ants," Pettry said. "In their native habitats of Central and South America, the ants are controlled by naturally occurring mechanisms. The more we know about fire ant lifestyles and habitats, the closer we will be to controlling them and saving our environment as we know it."

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433 DEMONTLUZIN, 2 BEDROOM, central a/c, stove and refrigerator, rent \$450.00, deposit \$350.00 - Call Mike 467-4705.

BRAND NEW, NEVER LIVED IN 3BR/2BA brick home. Ceramic tile, wall paper throughout. \$650/month, \$650/deposit. 467-7363.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA, from \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

LOOKING FOR A RENTAL? CALL US! Ashman Mollere Realty Incorporated. 467-5429.

NEWLY RENOVATED RAISED 2 bedroom. Back down boat ramp/fenced yard, pet-free, \$650/month, \$650/deposit. 467-0949.

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE AVAILABLE first week of August. 467-9278.

WEST HARRISON COUNTY NEAR DIAMONDEHEAD. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$500/month. \$500. deposit. 864-9068

151 Furn. Houses For Rent

CLERMONT HARBOR HOUSE \$450.wk. or \$650.mo. rent. \$200 deposit. Furnished, central air & heat, washer & dryer, 3BD/2 bath, 1 block from beach. 504-254-1606 or 228-466-9676

FURNISHED UPSCALE - 2 BRM waterfront home w/lots of extras. Garage, workshop, fenced, private. \$650/month. Pet-free. Key Properties Inc. 467-0600, Ask for Carol.

FURNISHED UPSCALE - 2 BRM waterfront home w/lots of extras. Garage, workshop, fenced, private. \$750/month. Pet-free. Key Properties Inc. 467-0600, Ask for Carol.

NEAR CASINO MAGIC BAY ST. LOUIS. Furnished, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, with efficiency kitchen, washer/dryer, and all utilities included. \$350.00 month with \$200 deposit. 504-841-7916.

152 Mobile Home Sites

RENTAL: MOBILE HOME LOT HAS water, sewer, power pole, 1/8 mile from city limits. Call 467-5899.

153 Real Estate Wanted

HELP — 52 YR. WIDOW NEEDS A 1/2 bedroom fixer upper OK w/large lot. Have chickens, etc., with low down payment and approx. \$100-\$150 per month payments or could work off? Live on disability. Bonnie, 504-863-9047, leave message.

156 Lots/Acreage

ACADIAN BAY: LARGE LOT ON CUL-DE-SAC, community pool and park zoned neighborhood. Subdivision on beach. \$59,000 No agents. 463-0404.

WATERFRONT LOTS FOR SALE. Ready for houses only. Owner financed. 467-3754 or 1-800-223-8073.

158 Commercial Property

1,100 SQ.FT. ON HIGHWAY 90. Ideal for office, retail or service business. \$800 per month includes water. 228-466-3333.

CHOCTAW VILLAGE: OFFICE & RETAIL space available. Talk to Gary T. Gilmore. 255-4396.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. Coast Plaza, Highway 90 & McLaurin St. 228-466-3333.

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORS OFFICES. 1600-2500 SF. Next to Hancock Medical Center. New 2-story structure to be completed by January 2000. 467-3560.

159 Houses For Sale

FOR SALE: BUILDING 24'x32' TO BE moved. \$4,000. 466-6380. Could be good starter home!

FOR SALE BY OWNER: LOVELY 3BR/2BA home in Diamondhead. High ceilings, garden tub, large bedrooms, 1 year old. \$108,000. (228)436-6297 or 255-6551.

HOUSE FOR SALE. \$15,000, or best offer. 7056 W. Rankin, Bayside Park. Make appointment. 466-9503

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WATERFRONT HOME FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living room, kitchen, laundry room, 2 screened porches on 2 lots. \$33,000 OBO. Call 1-504-639-0459.

159 Houses For Sale

3 BEDROOM 2 BATH 1077 SQ. FT. . 275' X 100' \$44,500. 228 586-0040.

3BR/1 1/2 BA HOME - 16393 Hwy 603 in Kln. Central heat/air, carpet. \$92,500 price negotiable, needs cosmetic work. Call for appointment 255-5273.

"BRAND NEW" (UNDER CONSTRUCTION), 3 BR/2 BA, cathedral ceiling, all electric, lg. lot, near beach-120 North St. Waveland, MS. Asking 78,000. 467-6660.

BSL-CHARMING OLD COTTAGE "completely" renovated 2 bedrooms, \$64,900. 413 Thomas 452-7192.

CUTE BLUE FRAME HOME W/HOME warranty, 2bdrm, 1ba, central a/c, front porch, back deck, large back yard. 1006 Waveland Ave. \$54,900.00. Agent owner Mary Wells 467-1951, agent protection.

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DIAMONDEHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
THOMAS D. BUSCEMI & SUZANNE L. BUSCEMI, DEFENDANT(S)
CAUSE NO: 97-0791

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: THOMAS D. BUSCEMI
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc., Plaintiff, seeking a money judgment and to enforce a lien. Defendants other than you in this action are none.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Honorable Patricia H. Willis, the attorney for the plaintiff, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 128, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, and whose street address is 5407 Indian Hill Blvd., Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER JUNE 27, 1999, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original Answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal said Court, this the 25 day of June, 1999.

(SEAL)
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: Larrinell Scarborough
627; 714; 711; 718/99

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD DESCRIBED HEREIN
STEPHEN R. FREEMAN AND ELIZABETH ANN FREEMAN, PETITIONERS
SUMMONS

(Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 99020(A)
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER
You have been made a Defendant in the law suit filed in this Court by STEPHEN R. FREEMAN and ELIZABETH ANN FREEMAN.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging PETITION FOR ADOPTION.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written Answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint to Ronald J. Arduque, Jr., Attorney for Petitioners, whose address is 700 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

On AUGUST 18TH AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CHANCERY COURT IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

You must also file the original of your Answer with the Clerk of this court within a reasonable time afterward.

Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Dated: July 7, 1999 BY: Pamela Cuevas, D.C.
7/11; 7/18; 7/25/99

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON ON THE 18TH DAY OF JULY 1999, AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 307 COLEMAN AVENUE, WASHINGTON, MISSISSIPPI, AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Howard S. Cox requests a variance in order to create two parcels from one parcel he owns located at 222 Hickory Street.

Legal description is: Lot 90 & A1 91, & 75 W. 1/4 of 74 Pine Ridge Park Subdivision City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi

Christian Schade requests a two foot (10') side yard variance in order to construct an attached carport to his residence located at 124 Laffitte Drive.

Legal description is: Lot 24 Laffitte Estates Subdivision City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ATTEND AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. For additional information phone 466-2540, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Christine Gallagher
Zoning Official
7-11; 7-15; 7-18-99

LEGAL NOTICE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION
MISSISSIPPI
STATE TAX COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 540
MADISON
MS 39130-0540

We, the officers of ESB, Inc. intend to make application for a transfer of: an On-Premises retailer permit under the provisions of the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, 67-1-1 et. seq. Mississippi Code of 1972. If granted a transfer from Matthew Matulich doing business as The Blue Parrot Restaurant who is now operating at 200 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS.

We propose to operate under the tradename of South Beach Food & Spirits at 200 South Beach Blvd. of Hancock County.

The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/partners/officer(s) and/or major stockholder(s) of the above are as follows:

Susan Kidd Blache, Pres., 609 Sunset Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS. Erwin J. Blache, V.P. & Sec., 609 Sunset Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS.

This the 14th day of July, 1999.

7/15; 7/18/99

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JESSIE J. BEAUDOIN, AKA JESSE J. BEAUDOIN, DECEASED
SUMMONS

CAUSE NO. 99-0316
TO: THE UNKNOWN OR KNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST AS HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JESSIE J. BEAUDOIN, AKA JESSE J. BEAUDOIN, DECEASED, AND TO: SANDRA BEAUDOIN, JESSIE J. BEAUDOIN, JESSICA M. BEAUDOIN AND NAOMI C. BEAUDOIN.

You have been made parties in the Estate filed in this Court by SANDRA BEAUDOIN, Administrator. The Complaint filed is a civil action seeking to have Sandra Beaudoin, 85514 Diamondhead Drive West, Diamondhead, MS 39525; Tamara B. Weyand, 8302 Springwind, Houston, TX 77040; Jeremy K. Beaudoin, Jessica M. Beaudoin and Naomi C. Beaudoin, 10622 Atlanta Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78400, adjudged as the sole heirs-at-law of the deceased, JESSIE J. BEAUDOIN, AKA JESSE J. BEAUDOIN, as fully set out in the Complaint on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE COMPLAINT FILED IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 A.M. ON THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1999, IN THE CHANCERY COURTROOM OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI; AND, IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 8th day of July, 1999.

(Seal)
TIM A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
BY: L. Scarborough, D.C.
7/11; 7/18; 7/25/99

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, will accept sealed bids on the following:

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES FOR BALLFIELD LIGHTING
Specifications can be obtained from City Hall, 301 Coleman Ave., Waveland, Mississippi.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be received by the city purchasing agent on or before 4:00 PM August 2, 1999 to be opened and read aloud at 9:00 AM, August 3, 1999 at Waveland City Hall and awarded at the regular board meeting of the mayor and alderman at 6:30 PM on August 3, 1999.

Six (6) in a sealed envelope identifying company name, envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "bid enclosed" and state the item bid on and the bid opening date.

UNNE SWILEY
PURCHASING AGENT
CITY OF WAVELAND, MS
7-18; 7-25-99

Notice of Public Meeting
The Bay St. Louis Housing Authority is having a public meeting to discuss the Annual Plan on August 25, 1999 at 1:30 P.M. at the Bay St. Louis Housing Authority Office. The Plan can be inspected at the Office during normal business hours.

7-11; 7-15; 7-18; 7-22-99

The City of Bay St. Louis, invites sealed bids for a Pickup truck. This vehicle should meet the following specifications. Bids can be mailed or hand delivered to the following address: "truck bid" to 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Bids will be opened on August 17, 1999, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall Annex, 111 Court Street.

• Mid-sized, short wheel based, pickup truck
• Two (2) wheel drive
• Six (6) cylinder transmission
• Automatic 4-speed transmission with overdrive
• Twenty-two (22) gallon fuel tank
• Rear step bumper
• Digital clock
• Dual mirrors
• AM/FM radio
• Driver's air bag restraint system
• Passenger's air bag restraint system
• Conventional spare tire
• Extended warranty 60 months/100,000 miles
• Title fee
• State inspection sticker

Robert J. Parker
Municipal Clerk
7-18; 7-22-99

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAN AND MASTER PLAN FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, August 5, 1999, at 4:30 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 to consider the following:

1. Preliminary Plan for Mini-Jup Subdivision which is an eighty-two (82) lot development on 173 acres at White Cypress Lakes which will also include a 150' by 5700' airplane landing strip. The subdivision is located in Sections 1, 2 and 11 of Township 6 South, Range 15 West and is zoned R-3.

2. Master Plan for the Mini-Jup development as outlined above which is considered to be a Planned Unit Development under the Zoning Ordinance and requires approval as a Special Exception.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call at 228-467-4157 or 228-466-4727 during regular business hours which are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Willa Gandy
Hancock County Building Official
7/18/99

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Volunteers are needed to speak up for an abused or neglected child. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945.

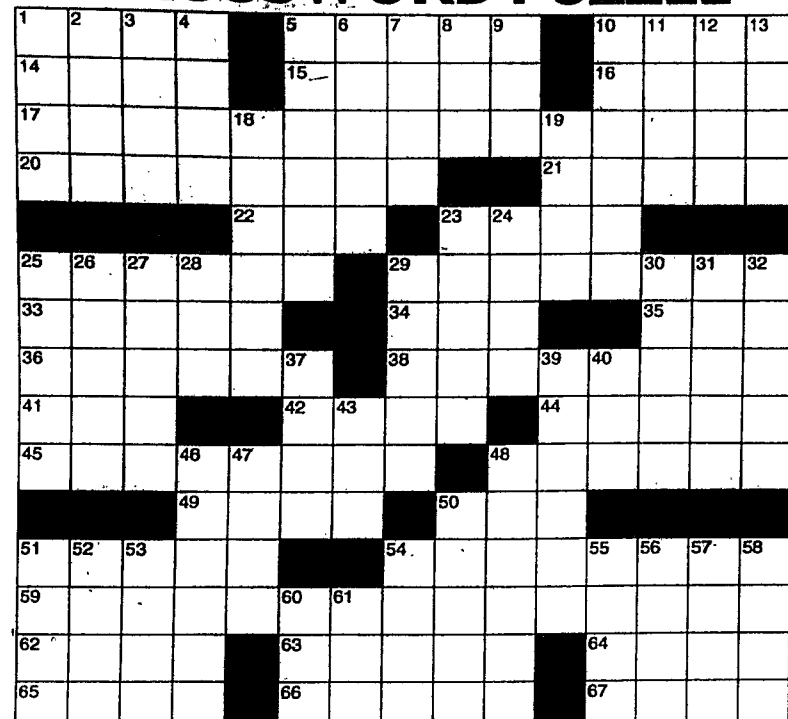
Family Child Center

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse, call 868-8686 or

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Apollo 11 anniversary celebration set at Stennis

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of Apollo 11, the first time Americans landed on the Moon, NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center will host a day of space fun.

Among the activities planned for July 20 are special Apollo videos, spacesuit demonstrations using a mock-up of an actual Apollo mission suit and a hands-on session using a glove box to manipulate mock experiments in a space-like atmosphere.

Visitors can also participate in the making of footprints similar to those left by the NASA astronauts on the Moon's surface.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., windshield tours of the space center will be given to all, and video presentations in the auditorium will begin highlighting the Apollo missions. The videos are scheduled every hour throughout the day.

At 11 a.m., a program will be presented in the auditorium for all visitors highlighting the history of the space program from Apollo to the Space Shuttle and beyond.

At 1 p.m., a program is scheduled in the auditorium explaining the principles of rocketry.

At 1:30 p.m., a spectacular Saturn V model rocket launch will be held in the park next to the 1 Main Street Mars exhibit.

Throughout the day, visitors will have the opportunity to receive one-on-one information in the Hall of Achievements concerning the Apollo era. Mini-presentations will also be held in the Hall of Achievements concerning an actual Moon rock on exhibit in the Stennis Space Center Visitors Center as well as Mississippi astronaut Fred Haise's space suit, worn during the Apollo 13 mission.

Mini-presentations will also be held in the outdoor Apollo Area near the F-1 engine, Saturn V model and Saturn I-B engine.

For information or to schedule a group, contact the Stennis Space Center Visitors Center at 1-800-237-1821 (select option 1) in Mississippi and Louisiana or (228) 688-2370.

National balloon competition scheduled in Madison County

The North American Balloon Association (NABA) will present the 1999 U.S. Nationals Aug. 4-8 in Madison County.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The 1999 NABA U.S. Nationals will bring the country's top 50 pilots to Mississippi for a four-day competition to compete for a \$60,000 purse.

For the next three years, the cities of Canton and Ridgeland will serve as hosts for the thousands of competitors, crews, officials and spectators the first week in August.

The City of Ridgeland will host the kick-off event Wednesday, Aug. 4. The event will include a pilot introduction ceremony, a balloon glow, fireworks and entertainment by Gilmore followed by rock and roll pianist Jason D. Williams.

Two balloon competitions are scheduled daily from Aug. 5-8. The balloons will launch from the Canton Balloon Field.

The NABA philosophy is to offer competitive balloon events planned and implemented by competitive balloonists. NABA currently sanctions 34 events throughout North America, including the Great Texas Balloon Race in Longview, Texas, the U.S. National Team Championships in Battle Creek, Mich., and the Kodak International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, N.M.

For information, contact the Ridgeland Tourism Commission at 1-800-468-6078.

Cool treats for the whole family

It's the Jackson Zoo's annual Ice Cream Safari Saturday, July 24, 4-7 p.m. Celebrity scoopers will be scooping Angel Food Ice Cream flavors such as Cappuccino Chimp, Peanut Butter and Chocolate, Mint Cheesecake Chip, Chinchilla Vanilla, Rhino Fudge Ripple and more.

Visitors will not only vote for their favorite celebrity scoopers but also their favorite flavor.

And yes, the animals will receive cool treats too. Visitors can watch the animals as they enjoy frozen ice treats filled with raisins, carrots, grapes and more.

Ice Cream Safari passes, allowing visitors unlimited sampling, may be purchased for \$1 per person in addition to regular zoo admission.

Friends of the Zoo receive

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For information, call the zoo at 352-2585.



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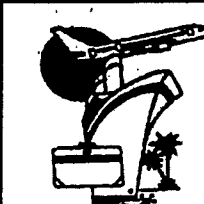
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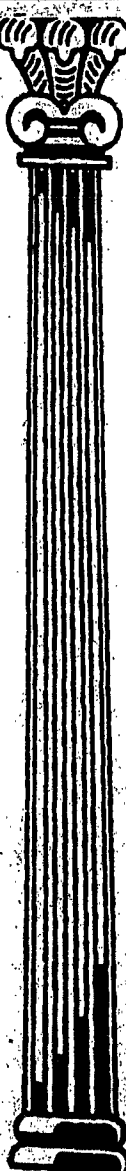
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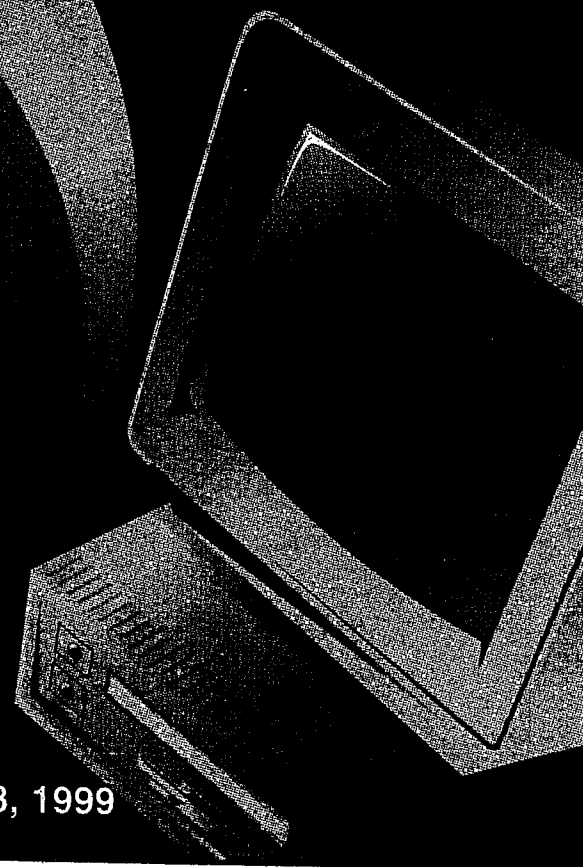
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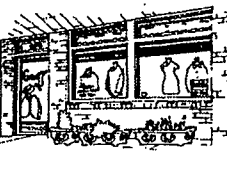
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Herb Dubuison
ERA Bayshore Realty
Dubuison has served three separate terms on the chamber board, having served in the past as vice-president, president and member of the Executive Committee.

He has been involved in a number of committees over the years, including the drive to four-lane Hwy. 603, and is currently a member of the Economic Development-Industrial Committee.

Dubuison is a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church as well as a member of the Bay St. Louis Masonic Lodge, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, and is a past president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

A member of the National and State Association of Realtors, he is a past president of the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors, current treasurer and board member of the Gulf Coast Multiple Listing Services and was awarded the 1997 Gulf Coast Realtor of the Year.

Dubuison is the founder and co-owner of ERA Bayshore Realty with his wife, Patsy.

The Dubuison family has one son, Herbert Jr.

Terese T. "Teri" Wyl
Vice president and partner in the Law Firm Eaton & Cotrell, PA

Married to Jim Wyl, also an attorney, she is a graduate of Leadership Hancock County and Leadership Gulf Coast, served as president of the Harrison County Bar Association in 1991, was co-chair of United Way Hancock County in 1997 and is currently an at-large director of the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, having served since 1993.

Wyl is the 1999 president of the chamber board of directors and a past committee chair.

She and her husband have three children.

Amy M. Corr
Hancock Bank

Married for 12 years, Corr has been with Hancock Bank since 1985, working her way up from teller to loan officer.

She is actively involved in Diamondhead Business & Professional Association, the Chamber Member Services Committee, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, Girl Scouts of America, Bay Catholic PTO, has served as secretary of both

the Exchange Club of Hancock County and the Area Operating Committee of the United Way of South Mississippi. She is currently attending the University of Mississippi School of Banking.

Corr and her husband Kerry have two children.

Harry E. Wilson
Waldemar S. Nelson and Company

Married for 50 years, Wilson is a civil engineer.

He served as a commissioner with the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission from 1968-1972 and has been a member of the chamber since 1997. Wilson and his wife Patsy have two children.

Ellis C. Cuevas
The Sea Coast Echo

Married, Cuevas has devoted a great deal to the community. He has served on the chamber's board for more than 20 years and is a past president and current chairman of the chamber's Beautification Committee.

He is president of the Foundation Board of Hancock Medical Center, Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Emily de Montluzin Scholarship Fund, trustee and past administrative board chairman of Main Street United Methodist Church.

Cuevas is a past president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, as well as United Way of Hancock County and was on the Steering Committee for the formation of United Way of South Mississippi where he also served as a director.

He was the recipient of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 1991 and is a recent graduate of Leadership Hancock County.

Cuevas is editor and publisher of The Sea Coast Echo. In 1998 he was inducted into the Mississippi Press Association Hall of Fame.

He and his wife Jane reside in Bay St. Louis.

Anne Mann
The Kid Company

Mann has been a resident of Bay St. Louis for 21 years. She attended the University of Southern Mississippi for four years studying anthropology.

She has been married to Cyril Baxter Mann Jr. since 1989 and is the mother of two daughters, Delery and Iris. They are members of Christ Episcopal Church.

Mann started with The Kid

Company in May 1985 and managed the shop until December 1993. She became owner in January 1994.

Mann is on the board of the Beautification Committee.

Frank L. Conaway Jr., DMD

Married, Dr. Conaway is involved in a number of activities throughout the community. He has been a member of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club since 1992, where he has served on the International Services Committee and is past president.

He is a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and serves as chairman of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and is a member of the Administrative Board and Finance Committee.

Conaway is a 1997 graduate of Leadership Hancock County. He is a past president of the chamber and is past chairman of the Steering Committee for the 1998 program of Leadership Hancock County.

He opened his general dental practice in Bay St. Louis in 1990.

He and his wife Pauline have three children.

James A. "Jay" Lagasse
Executive Committee member, BellSouth

Married to the former Jo Ann Witter, Lagasse has been with BellSouth for more than 29 years as an electronic technician.

He is retired from the Mississippi National Guard after 23 years.

Lagasse has been very active in the community over the years. He is chairman of Hancock County Chapter of March of Dimes, president of the Gulf Coast chapter of the BellSouth Telephone Pioneers, president of Kiwanis Club, a member of the Waveland Civic Association for 34 years, where he has served as president, vice-president and '86 grand marshal of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations and serves on Pearl River Community College Foundation Board. He received a tablet of honor from the Hancock County Kiwanis Club.

Lagasse received the Community Achievement Award from the City of Bay St.

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Louis and the Hancock Chamber's Community Service Award for bringing the Telephone Pioneers' Family Chapter International Rally to Hancock County.

He has been involved in a number of activities of the chamber, including coordinat- ing the Hancock County Red Ribbon Christmas Parade for over 12 years. He and Jo Ann have two children.

William R. "Bill" Lady

Holiday Inn of Waveland
Lady has been instrumen- tal in the advancement of the tourism industry, not only in Hancock County, but through- out the entire state of Mississippi.

Having begun his career in the hospitality field in 1976, Lady is currently a member of the Gulf Coast Hotel and Motel Association, where he served as president in 1992-93, received the Distinguished Service to Tourism Award in 1997 and is also a member of the State Hotel and Motel Association, having served as president in 1993 and 1994 and was Manager of the Year in 1997.

He is a founding member and president of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, where he is the cham- ber's appointed representa- tive.

Lady presently sits on the Matching Grants Committee for the State of Mississippi, as well as on the board for both Cruisin' the Coast and the State Hotel and Motel Association and also serves on the advisory board for Coast magazine. He is president of Holiday Inn Waveland.

Chamber Vice-President Charley E. "Dusty" Rhodes

Whitney National Bank
Married for nearly 30 years, Rhodes has been in banking since 1969, having joined Merchants Bank & Trust, which was bought by Whitney National in April of 1997.

Rhodes is a vice-president with Whitney. He is actively involved in several community organizations, such as Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, where he is a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow, serves on the executive committee of the Progression Board for St. Stanislaus, and is treasurer for the board of trustees of Hancock Medical Center.

He and his wife Mimi have

three children and two grand- children.

Jon E. Ritten
Coldwell Banker/Coast Delta Realty

Married for 34 years, Ritten is the president of Coldwell Banker/Coast Delta Realty of Diamondhead, Jon E. Ritten & Co., a sales and marketing consulting firm, and Rex Land, Inc., a land development and property management busi- ness.

Ritten has been involved in a wide range of civic and com- munity organizations, having served as president of both the Diamondhead Business & Professional Association and the Diamondhead Rotary Club.

He is currently a member of Partners for Stennis and the Gulf Coast Economic Council and Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

He and his wife Susan have four children and three grand- children.

Raymos McMillon
Mississippi Power Co.

McMillon is the area man- ager for the Bay St. Louis-Pass Christian offices. He is a board member of United Way of South Mississippi as well as a member of the Hancock County United Way, Com- munity Building Council, pres- ident of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club and serves as chairman of the chamber's Membership Services Com- mittee.

McMillon has two daugh- ters and a granddaughter.

Catherine Green-Dotson
Casino Magic/The Image Company Boutique

Green-Dotson is the com- munity relations manager for Casino Magic and has been very active in various commu- nity projects. She is a member of the Private Industry Council, a board member for Goodwill Industries, Kids Voting, and Christmas in April.

She has served on the advi- sory board for Father Flanagan's Boys Town as chairperson for the 1998 Mississippi Gulf Coast Alz- heimer's Memory Walk.

She is a 1997 graduate of Leadership Hancock County and has been Casino Magic's United Way chairperson for the past three years.

Green-Dotson and her hus- band Herb are the owners of the Image Company Boutique in Bay St. Louis.

Janet S. McQueen
Hancock Medical Center
Chamber Executive Committee member

McQueen is director of mar- keting and development at Hancock Medical Center. She is incoming secretary of the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, a member of the Public Rel- ations Association of Miss- sippi, Christmas in April Committee and Republican Women's Club.

She served on the local board of the American Cancer Society and for several years co-chaired the annual Red Beans and Rice Cookoff bene- fitting that organization.

She is a graduate of the 1997 Leadership Hancock County class, a life member of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries and former member of the Gulf Coast Private Industry Council.

She and her husband Kelly have a daughter and a son.

Brehm Bell
Attorney

Bell is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and current- ly serves as vice-president of the Hancock County Historical Society and the Kiwanis Club of Hancock County.

He is in private practice in Bay St. Louis. Brehm and his wife Jenny have three sons.

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Letter from the president

For nearly a decade, Hancock County has been recognized as one of the fastest growing counties in the state. As we approach the turn of the Century, your Hancock Chamber has focused much of its efforts on staying ahead of the game through managed growth and preservation of our quality of life. From our elegant Gulf of Mexico beachfront to our picturesque bayous and rivers, Hancock County is well-positioned for the future. Economic Indicators, as well as results of a recent business and industry survey, all point to continued

prosperity for our community. With this in mind and the fact that the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast is growing at a phenomenal rate, we must work together to ensure that our quality of life is maintained.

The Hancock Chamber is a group of volunteer business and community leaders working together to promote the economic, social and civic welfare of our county, with particular emphasis on economic development. Through the ongoing projects in our various committees, we strive to meet that goal every day. Some examples of ongoing work includes our Gateway Enhancement Project, Vision 2000 Project, Anti-litter campaign, marketing and information packets, a county Sales Response Team, Business and Industry Expo, Community Education and much more.

This special section provides an overview of the chamber and its program of work. If you are already a member of the Hancock Chamber, you should take pride in the fact that you are part of a strong group of more than 625 members representing over 4,000 employees. If you are considering joining, we hope that with the information before you, you will be convinced to join us in our efforts to ensure that Hancock County remains the best place to live, work and play!

This year the Hancock Chamber celebrates 75 years. The next 75 years promises to be even more exciting. It is my honor to serve as your 1999 Board of Directors President. On behalf of the board, thank you for your support of the Hancock Chamber.

Should I be a member of the Chamber of Commerce?

1. Because I have a business stake in this community which can best be safeguarded by working with others through the Chamber of Commerce to protect and advance all business. I help insure this community's progress, which in turn insures the success of my business. It is only fair for me to support the chamber since I reap benefits through the concerted planning, counsel and action that is best obtained through the work of the Chamber of Commerce.

2. Because my support is "plowed-back" to yield many benefits in new industries, increased payrolls, health, safety, legislation, business protection and community advancement. 3. Because I believe that if I help my community through active participation in the work of the Chamber of Commerce, I will develop my own business skills and broaden my own views.

4. Because through the Chamber of Commerce I can best discharge my obligations to this community in which I live and earn my living. I realize that every citizen owes a debt to the community that cannot be paid in taxes — a debt of personal service.

5. Because the Chamber of Commerce cannot carry out its broad program of work to protect and advance business without personal service and adequate financial support.

6. Because the Chamber of Commerce unified the public spirit of my community and directs it into useful and constructive channels.

7. Because the Chamber of Commerce helps create and express sound opinions on questions affecting the welfare of my community.

8. Because without a strong, effective Chamber of Commerce, my community would be less able to compete with other areas for new industries and new payrolls.

9. Because I believe it essential to progress to have a central organization eternally watching community welfare and development, I believe the Cham-

ber of Commerce is the central organization adequately equipped to do the job.

10. Because the most effective and constructive influence is the force of organized business functioning through the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of improving the Hancock County area.

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Paul D. Guichet
Assistant vice president-
manager, Hancock Bank
Diamondhead

Guichet is a board member of Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, chairperson of the Economic Development Committee and a member of Vision 2000.

Guichet is past president of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association, past vice-president of Diamondhead Youth Organization; Parish Council treasurer and a member of Annunciation Catholic Church.

He is also past vice-president of Diamondhead Rotary Club, past treasurer and director of Diamondhead Property Owners Association, 1999 tournament chairman for the American Heart Association and the Hancock County Golf Festival. He is also a graduate of Leadership Hancock County.

Guichet and his wife Kerri have a daughter, Katherine.

Patrick Wild
Peoples Bank

Wild has been in the banking industry since 1984, starting as a loan officer with Gulf National and working up to assistant vice-president-branch manager for the Diamondhead Branch of Peoples Bank.

He is past president of the

Diamondhead Rotary Club and serves as treasurer of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association and the Pass Christian Isles Golf Club.

Keith Mitchell
ERA Bayshore Realty
General Manager/Broker

Mitchell is a charter member and first chairman of Economic Development Committee. He is a member of St. Clare Parish, chairman of Waveland Planning and Zoning, a member of the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors, the Mississippi Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He also coaches Babe Ruth baseball.

Mitchell is a graduate of Leadership Hancock County. He and his wife Jan, who is the owner of Hairwork, have four children.

Jim Enloe
GE Plastics
Human Resources
Manager

Enloe serves on the chamber's Education Committee. He attends Main Street United Methodist Church and is a coach with the Bay Soccer League.

He and wife Amy have three children, Michael, Andrew and Hannah.



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Rotary Club treasurer of the Business and Association and St. Ignace Golf

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Hancock chamber celebrates 75 years

Happy Birthday to us! This year the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 75th birthday. Originally chartered in 1925, by the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, it was originally called the Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. Later, on Nov. 9, 1945, it was renamed the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is a voluntary organization of business and professional men and women who have joined together to promote the economic, civic and social well-being of Hancock County, with a particular emphasis on economic development.

The Hancock Chamber is governed by a board of 19 directors, 15 of which are elected for alternating three-year terms, five of which are appointed by the president annually. We also have a student director appointed from each area high school.

Day to day office operations include providing: * packets of information to welcome newcomers to the area and others making inquiries about the area; * listings and business referrals to chamber members; * general information and statistical information on our community.

An important aspect of the chamber is its committees. Major programs are conceived and set into motion through one of its committees. Our committees, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Member Services, Beautification and Ambassador, are very active on a number of projects. Committee projects include the Gateway Enhancement Project, Anti-litter Campaign, Community Education and a Business and Industry Exp.

Why join the Hancock Chamber?

The chamber is over 625 members strong, representing over 4,000 employees. Its membership includes business and professional leaders, retired business men and women and government and community leaders.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Hancock Chamber, which represents the third fastest growing county in the state. Hancock County has seen nearly a 30 percent increase in population and business over the past eight years. The chamber is growing right along with the community at a rate of about 25-30 percent in membership increase

as well.

Some of the benefits of being a chamber member:

- Business referrals
- Brochures and business cards in chamber
- Listing in chamber publications and directories
- Monthly business seminars and counseling services
- Assist with ribbon cuttings, grand openings and business publicity
- Monthly newsletter, the Chambergram, to keep members updated on activities. Members can receive a free feature in the What's Up with Business section

Networking opportunities such as our Business After Hours, Coffee Call and Expo -- Part of a strong group, a unified voice for the community and the quality of life we enjoy.

Joining and being active in the chamber means investing in the future your business and the future of your community.

Hancock Chamber past presidents

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Beautification Committee works to 'Keep Hancock County beautiful'

In conjunction with state and national efforts to keep communities across America litter free, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, through its Beautification Committee, launched a countywide campaign against littering this year.

The Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee has initiated a number of projects this year, to coincide with its ongoing efforts against litter. The campaign goal is to "Keep Hancock County Beautiful" with its "Littering is UnLawful" campaign. The Hancock Chamber is distributing thousands of car litter bags with the help of local business sponsors, posting anti-litter roadway signs, and working to increase enforcement of litter laws.

With these three elements the Chamber Beautification Committee hopes to help keep litter off our roadways and make folks aware of the adverse effects litter has on our entire community.

"Litter hurts everyone, our business owners in particular," said Chamber Beautification Chairman Ellis C. Cuevas. "Folks, shopping, visiting or looking for a place to live in our community certainly won't choose a place that is covered with litter."

"People need to be aware that litter isn't must an eyesore, it takes money out of the pockets of our business owners and in turn out of our government coffers," said Teri Wyl, president of the chamber board of directors. "By taking this strong stand against litter, we display pride in our community and send a message to others about the quality of life we want to enjoy in Hancock County."

At the chamber's urging, State Rep. J. P. Compretta has initiated a bill in the Mississippi House of Representatives to revise the penalties on highway littering.

The bill states that anyone found dumping or leaving trash, including cigarettes or cigarette butts, on our highways, right-of-ways or private property can be fined up to \$1,000, but no less than \$100.

The bill passed the House unanimously, but died in the Senate.

The car litterbag is an ongoing effort to keep trash off our roadways and highways. A number of businesses and organizations sponsored the

first and second printing of the bag.

Chamber members who sponsored the litter bag are Coast Electric Power Assn., Hancock County Port and Harbor, Latter & Blum Inc. Realtors, Coast Youth Ballet Academy, Performance Oil Change and Tune Up, ERA Bayshore Realty, Coldwell Banker/Coast Delta Realty;

City of Bay St. Louis, City of Waveland, Union Planters Bank, Cellular South, Casino Magic, The Sea Coast Echo, Hancock Bank and Alcan Cable;

Whitney Bank, Kitchens-N-Baths by Park Supply, Hancock Medical Center, The Kid Company, State Rep. J. P. Compretta, Eaton and Cottrell, Telephone Pioneers-Gulf Coast Club, Holiday Inn-Waveland, Kiwanis Club of Hancock County;

Hancock Insurance, Ansley-Lakeshore Civic Assn., BLT Farms, Mississippi Power Company and L&M Distributors. A this printing is planned with additional sponsors in the coming weeks.

The Chamber Beautification Committee's roadway signs state the phone number to call to report littering. The signs read: Help Keep Hancock County Beautiful. To report littering, call 1-800-545-3764 or *47 from a cell phone. When reporting littering, callers should give the tag number, vehicle description, location and date of violation. This information will be turned over to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Since the beginning of the anti-litter campaign in January, the committee has received a \$2,000 grant from Keep Mississippi Beautiful/People Against Litter to boost their efforts.

Local law enforcement officials also joined forces with the Hancock Chamber to help push community anti-litter efforts into high gear.

Law enforcement officials met with members of the Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee to discuss beautification issues, in particular with enforcement of litter laws.

Ongoing projects of the Beautification Committee include the Adopt-A-Street Program, monthly "Clean and Beautiful" awards to businesses, school programs, and community cleanup in the Spring and Fall.

The key concern of the committee is addressing the landscaping future of Highways 90 and 603, including the Kiln area.

"Our goal is to enhance the medians to make a good appearance for our visitors as well as resident," said Cuevas.

The committee is pressing to have both highways designated as parkways, possibly leading to the hiring of a professional landscaper to oversee the the highways' beautification and upkeep.

Committee members say the landscaper also could take responsibility for other areas as well, giving economic development another boost through beautification.

Cuevas and other chamber officials met recently with Highway Commissioner Ronnie Shows and his top engineer to discuss highway concerns, including the possibility of forming a parkway commission.

In addition, the officials discussed planting wild flower beds and additional magnolia trees on I-10 and Hwy. 6-7-90. They also discussed upcoming plans for a barrier dividing the traffic lanes across the Bay bridge.

Committee members have set priorities on having wild flower test plots planted at Bayside Park on Hwy. 90, Bienville-Rester Road on Hwy. 443, at the intersection of highways 43-603, and highways 603/53 and at the new Kiln Post Office on Hwy. 603. There are several other areas for similar test plantings under consideration as well.

Meanwhile, the committee also has worked to have a tree planted in the Martin Luther King Park in memory of Sam Nichols, a longtime member of the Beautification Committee, who saw to it that the park remained free of litter.

Members also have been at work to encourage the removal of illegal signs on utility poles, and trees through the area, as well as the removal of yellow flashing light signs.

And the committee is at work to coordinate plans for maintenance and beautification efforts at the Hancock County Walking Track in Bay St. Louis.

Aside from those efforts, the members offer assistance with the Bay-Waveland Garden Club's beautification



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Environmental Committee tackling county's wastewater problems

BY MARY G. SEILEY

One of the chamber's most visible committees is tackling a major environmental issue that impacts the future growth potential of Hancock County.

"As you bring more industry into the community, you need to have places for people to settle," says Ronald Magee, Environmental Committee chairman.

The committee's concern is that a lack of sewerage facilities in the county not only is an environmental problem, but it's also standing in the way of property sales and construction in some areas.

Decades of improper disposal of wastewater, generated by malfunctioning septic tanks and outright discharges of untreated sewage into ditches and bayous, have state and county officials alarmed over potential health problems.

"It's very serious," said Magee, who also is NASA's Environmental Affairs officer at Stennis Space Center. His committee has been working for months to define the extent of the problem and initiate efforts to correct it.

The chamber's decision to become involved in the matter, he said, really stemmed from issue discussions during the first Leadership Hancock County class in 1997. "The executive Committee of the chamber started seeing a need to have environmental issues address," said Magee, saying there was a lack of a strong county-level effort to focus on environmental problems.

Accepting the position of

chairman, Magee pulled together an diverse membership that went on to complete a study of the southern part of Hancock County, identifying places that need to have sewer lines in place.

The study prioritized the needs on environmental considerations, and the probable economic feasibility of sewerage construction project financing. And the committee's work reflected a grassroots interest in addressing the mounting problem.

Over the past several months, several significant developments have occurred.

The county Board of supervisors adopted a sewerage ordinance, requiring Health Department approval before new construction can occur or any mobile home can occupy a lot. And funding has been secured to provide sewer lines to some 1,100 existing homes in the county. Those new sewer lines actually will be used by more than 6,000 people, said Magee.

Magee's chamber committee has joined with county, state and federal officials in the effort, and he said the study has provided a "road map to work with that makes sense" to follow as solutions are pursued.

The study helped justify the quest for sewer grants, and a similar study may be drafted for northern Hancock County. Jackson and Harrison counties want to duplicate the effort that the chamber committee initiated.

Still, there's a race against time to consider in the case of Hancock County, said Magee.

With increased development, particularly at Port Bienville and Stennis Space Center, the properties that have acceptable sewer facilities are rapidly filling up.

Some residents are complaining to the Board of Supervisors that they aren't getting the Health Department's full cooperation in seeking interim sewer treatment solutions.

Magee and his committee, however, have made repeated trips to the Board of Supervisors, urging them to withstand the public heat while the press is on to provide viable sewerage in the county.

But sewerage isn't the only environmental issue on Magee's committee agenda.

The committee is lining up a seminar for next month to acquaint business and industry on recycling opportunities. The seminar will include information from the Mississippi Technical Assistance Program, a statewide recycling coordination group, and a computer down link from the Environmental Protection Agency on the various success stories on commercial recycling.

The committee also has offered its members assistance to the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority, in its quest for additional landfill space. And the committee has held meetings with parties interested in establishing a wetlands mitigation bank in Hancock County.

Magee said the committee also has identified companies which can help landowners determine if their properties are, indeed, protected "wetlands."

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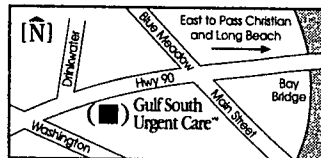
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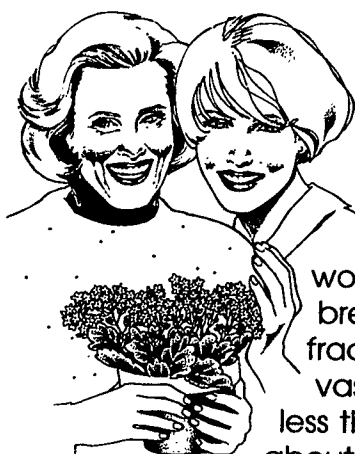
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efforts at the public housing complex for senior residents on Old Spanish Trail at Bookter Street.

Similar assistance from the committee goes to the garden club's beautification effort at the welcome area on Hwy. 90, across from the state highway scales near the entrance to Port Bienville.

In addition, the committee works to encourage cleanup for the annual Spring Pilgrimage, one of the top tourism events in the nation.

Efforts to revamp the Adopt-a-Street program for this area also are on the committee's agenda.



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Economic Development Committee seeks input from area businesses

In one effort, volunteers from the chamber's Economic Development Committee, the committee will visit every industry and business in Hancock County to gather information on the existing atmosphere here.

Questions will be shaped to determine how owners and managers of the commercial sector view labor availability, the market for their goods and services, what problems are inherent in operating here, and what are the best things about this location.

In all, it's four pages of questions aimed at learning how existing business and industry leaders view Hancock County.

Industrial Sector Committee members will be assigned to talk to their industrial counterparts, while businessmen will be dispatched to survey their fellow merchants.

And the data collection will include important information from Stennis Space Center, with its vast pool of resources that can be used to entice economic development throughout the county.

For instance, business or industrial prospects should be impressed with the large number of doctorate degree personnel at Stennis, and thus in the area community.

Stennis also represents a tremendous availability of technology, such as remote sensing, not present in many areas.

Wyly said the information from throughout the county will be gathered only once the committee volunteers have been through a training session conducted by economic development personnel at Mississippi Power Company.

That training is slated for July.

The chamber Economic Development Committee's main focus is to enhance and promote economic growth and development for new and existing businesses and industries in Hancock County.

Two major projects the committee worked on this year and will continue to focus their efforts on in 1999 included a Gateway Enhancement Project and an in-depth business and industry survey.

The first steps toward a Gateway Enhancement Project included presentations from Tulane Urban Design Institute students under the direction of Professor Grover

Mouton.

The students provided insight through visuals and drawings on ways to enhance the main entrances to our county. The preliminary results of the business and industry survey accompany this report.

The committee plans to produce a complete brochure containing this information and other statistical data, which will be used as an economic development tool for the county.

The committee is chaired by Teri Wyly and is composed of business and industry leaders throughout the county, and representatives from various government agencies.

Survey results indicate that existing business and industry produced concerns in several areas. The chamber will continue its ongoing program of

work to make Hancock County the best place to live, work and play.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is also working to address these concerns with various programs including:

- The Gateway Enhancement Project
 - A County Sales/Response Team
 - Economic Development and Quality of Life marketing pieces
 - Community Education and Workforce Training
 - Support for the extension of Sanitary Sewerage to all of Hancock County
 - Annual Business and Industry Expo
 - Anti-Litter Campaign
- Various work sessions with elected officials and community leaders

Creating a marketing plan

DEFINE YOUR BUSINESS

- Define your product or service
- What is your geographic marketing area? regional/national/neighborhood
- Who is your competition?
- How do you differ from your competition?
- How does your competition promote their product/services?
- How do you promote your product/services?

DEFINE YOUR CUSTOMERS

- Define your current customer base: age/sex/income/neighborhood
- How do your customers learn about your product/services? advertising/direct mail/word of mouth
- What patterns/habits do your customers and potential customers share? Where do they go/what do they read/watch/listen to?
- What do your customers value most about your product/service? Selection/convenience/service/reliability/availability/other?
- Who has a need for your product/service that you aren't currently reaching?

DEFINE YOUR PLAN AND BUDGET

- What methods of marketing have you used in the past to communicate to your customers?
- What has worked most effectively?
- What was the cost compared to sales?
- What is your cost per customer?
- What different methods of marketing might work to bring in new customers?

- What percentage of profits can you allocate to your marketing campaign?
- What marketing tools can you implement within your budget?
- How can you test your marketing ideas?
- How can you measure the results of a market test or campaign?
- Which new marketing tool can you implement right now?

CHOOSE YOUR METHODS OF COMMUNICATIONS

- Advertising. Which types are appropriate for your business?
- Co-op Advertising. How can you tap this resource?
- Word of Mouth. How can you leverage this highly credible communications tool?
- Telephone Directories. How can you make them more effective. How many different headings could you list your business under?
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The chamber is a good source of new business leads. Meeting people through the Business After Hours and committee work is a great opportunity to promote business in the Hancock

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what business owners do not have time to do: industrial prospecting, promoting the community growth, encouraging conventions to come here. All these bring more dollars into

circulation in our community.

The chamber is a good way to be heard within the community. There are eight different committees which work year-round on everything from economic

development to leadership development.

The chamber sponsors different types of business seminars during the year which help the business community grow.

The chamber sponsors "Leadership Hancock County," a program which teaches the future leaders of our area what our strengths and weaknesses are in the Hancock County area. It helps develop communication lines between the small business person, the professional and the manufacturer.

The chamber promotes members' support of each other by buying from each other.

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Staff, volunteers manage chamber office

The life-blood of the chamber's program of work is the volunteer efforts of members. However, projects, programs and day-to-day activities are managed by a professional staff and a host of volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Amy P. Gregory is the executive director of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, a position she assumed August 10, 1998. She is a member of the

Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association and a Partners for Stennis Executive Board Member. She and her husband, John live in Diamondhead.

Janell Moore has served as administrative assistant at the Hancock Chamber for three years. Janell is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Hancock County and the Flat Top Baptist Church, where she has

served as treasurer and as a Sunday-school teacher. She and her husband Ron have four children and two grandchildren.

The chamber office could not function without the help of RSVP volunteers. Under the direction of Jo Ann Lagasse, RSVP volunteers assist at a number of chamber functions and with the monthly newsletter assembly.

RSVP volunteers who work in the office are Margaret Hadden, Agnes Lynn and Dot Feahney, all of Bay St. Louis. (Dot has volunteered at the chamber for 17 years.) Bay High School Junior Natalie Fields of Bay St. Louis also helps out in the afternoons.

Chamber develops leaders

BY MARY G. SEILEY

What makes a leader? A Chamber of Commerce committee is at work to develop a new crop of them in Hancock County each year.

"Currently our class of about 25 people are being trained in all aspects of county functions," says the Leadership Committee chairman, Dr. Frank L. Conaway Jr. "So when they graduate, they can contribute to the community."

This is the third year for Leadership Hancock County, an eight-month program of training civic-minded citizens who, hopefully, will go on to provide constructive leadership in Hancock County.

Conaway himself is a graduate, and extolls the program's benefits, not just in shaping future leaders but also in providing a network opportunity for the class members.

Under the chamber's guidelines, participants are selected without regard to age, race, sex, economic standing, geographic residence or length of residence

in the county.

The participants are seen as well respected in the community, and have the potential and desire to provide constructive leadership as the county moves into the new millennium.

Graduates are expected to be doers in the community, tackling problems. Leadership Hancock County is described by the chamber as "a concerted educational effort to develop leaders who are informed, motivated and committed to working toward improving the quality of life for all."

"This program provides our community with a network of current and emerging leaders who possess the skills and the sense of commitment necessary to make Hancock County the best that it can be."

Participants attend two full-day retreats and a series of other sessions over an eight-month period.

Experts from an array of fields are in charge of the sessions, including education, environment, law and justice, gov-

ernment, health care, economic development, industry and business.

Hopefully, participants come away with a heightened awareness about the county itself and a drive to use their own abilities to lead the county forward.

Conaway's committee acts as an overseer of the program, lining up speakers and coordinating the training process.

In the end, the participants should have new insight into effective leadership, group dynamics, problem solving, knowledge of the community and how it functions. And the graduates should be able to identify areas of strength and weakness in the community, and how to go about addressing area concerns.

"Creating a continuing flow of strong, active, community-committed alumni is perhaps the most important aspect of Leadership Hancock County," according to chamber officials.

"The networking system developed by the program will be

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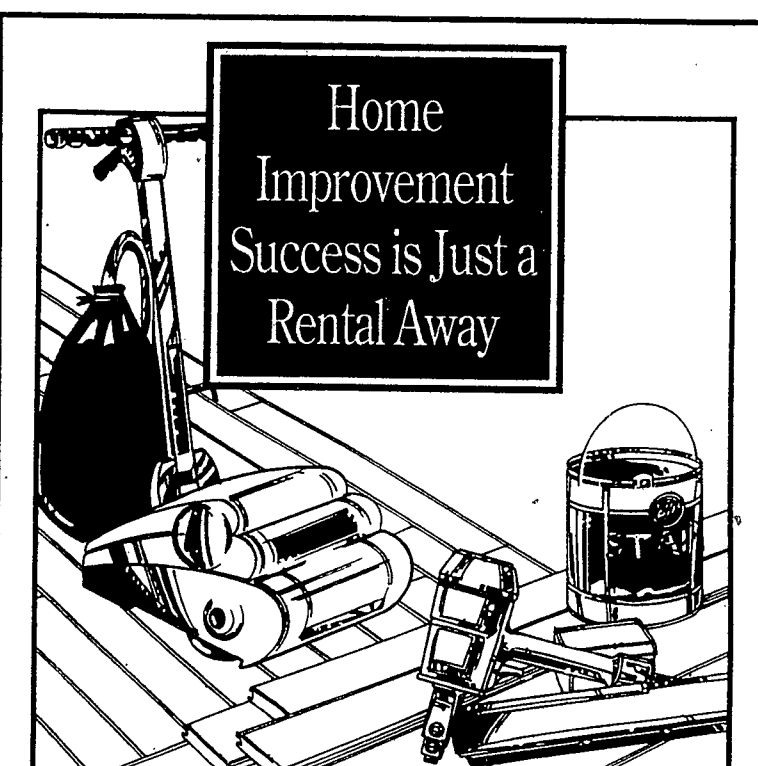
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Membership Services Committee implementing new programs

If you expect to attract over 625 members to an organization, and keep them interested, it's a good idea to have meaningful services for them.

It's the key duty of the chamber's Membership Services Committee headed by Ramos McMillon, formed in 1997. The committee's mission is to help chamber staff identify and implement new services of chamber members.

After researching the programs of other area chambers of commerce, and holding some "brain-storming" sessions of their own, the committee has identified three new services to institute for Hancock County's chamber.

This led to the formation of a Business and Industry Expo, the second annual this year.

The 1999 Hancock Chamber Business and Industry Expo is set for Thursday, Aug. 26, 3-7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center.

The expo is an opportunity for Hancock chamber members to display their products and services. Hundreds of visitors are expected to visit the trade show, which is being held during the week of community Tercentennial events. A special expo souvenir will be given to the first 100 people through the door.

There will be entertainment, refreshments and a number of door prizes given away during the day, with a grand prize drawing for \$1,000 to be held at 6:30 p.m. To enter the grand prize drawing, a percentage of booths must be visited. However, you do not have to be present to win. Davis and Sax will perform during the expo.

There will be two booth sizes for businesses to choose from. A six-foot booth space will be \$75. An eight-foot booth space will be \$125. Booth space will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis to be determined by the vendor upon payment.

Admission is \$2 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the chamber office for \$1.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Member Services Committee sponsors the second annual trade show. For information, stop by or call the chamber office at 467-9048.

The more exposure the trade show attracts, says McMillon, the better for the participants. "It's a win-win situation," he said.

His committee also has revived and improved a service called the "Ambassadors Program," designed to allow selected chamber members to make personal visits to new chamber members.

The Ambassadors Program now has its own committee under the direction of Jody Compretta.

A third new service the chamber is planning will put members face-to-face with governmental officials and key leaders in the community.

McMillon said the meetings will be a breakfast affair with area mayors, for instance, or members of the board of supervisors, or other leaders.

The new programs are an additional layer of support for chamber members. Ongoing services offered include an array of seminars with help from the USM Small Business Development Center and Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

There are a number of other membership services offered by the chamber, including market information, certification for export shipping documents and referral of potential customers and clients to other chamber members by profession or business categories.

In addition to seeking to attract new business to Hancock County, the chamber also offers free counseling services for businesses just starting and existing businesses. Free assistance in obtaining contractors for providing goods and services to the government is offered through the Mississippi contract Procurement Center.

The chamber also operates a Speakers Bureau, tours of the area for potential businesses and new employees and participation in such promotional projects as ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, special event celebrations.

Chamber is on-line

Check out the Hancock County Chamber's Website which is now on-line, at www.hancockchamber.com.

The Hancock Chamber Website features a list of its members, along with their address and phone number are listed on the site. The Chamber is in the process of linking Members site to the Web site. Those accessing the site can find out general information on Hancock County, including county and city government, public and private schools, as well as local weather. Visitors to the site can also request further information on living and working in Hancock County.

In addition, there are a number of published materials available through the chamber, including its membership directory and list of local industries, promotional brochures for Hancock County, a community calendar of events, newcomer packages, economic profiles containing census and other statistical material, and information on area educational systems, public and private.

The chamber actually has a library with resources that include city directories, cross reference directory for the Mississippi Coast, a toll-free 800 Directory, a nationwide directory of campgrounds and RV parks, a worldwide Chamber of Commerce Director, Mississippi Resource Directory, congressional directories, Mississippi Manufacturers Register, Mississippi Manufacturers/Cross-Match Directory and Gulf Coast urbanized area traffic maps.

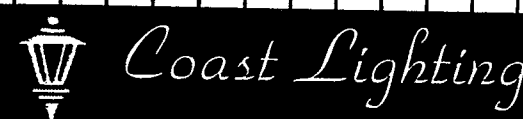
The chamber also has the county's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan on file, and an array of statistics concerning the county population, income, business trends, school enrollment and education attainment, labor force and employment and general housing characteristics.

Overall, McMillon's committee is intended to serve as a brainstorming/advisory group to assist the chamber staff in deciding what services are needed from the chamber for its members, ranging from seminars and network building activities to member benefit packages such as insurance, discount opportunities and advertising opportunities.

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Chamber Vision 2000

Mission Statement
The Vision 2000 Project is a program of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce pursuant to its purpose "to promote the civic, social and economic welfare of the people of Hancock county, with an emphasis on economic development."

Building on the Leadership Hancock County Program, the Vision 2000 Project was designed to develop a team of informed and dedicated leaders, qualified to meet the present and future challenges of Hancock County.

The project will promote the development of interpersonal relationships among the participants, which will provide a network to address and implement the chamber's Gateway Enhancement Project. By the presence and activities of the Vision 2000 Project, our community will be a better place to live, work and play.

The Project
The project focuses on the chamber's Gateway Enhancement Project. Emphasis will be put on the formulation of a plan for the Gateway Enhancement Project. The classes will include two all-day bus trips to cities that have had success with similar gateway enhancement projects. The Chamber Vision 2000 Project requires a real commitment and a strong de-

sire to advance economic development in Hancock County for future generations.

The Participants
Allison Anders, architect, Unabridged Architecture; Ronnie Artigues Jr., attorney, Gex and Artigues; Cheryl Bennett, manager, Johnson Control; Maurice Singleton, publisher, Star Magazine; Carleen Moran, president, Bay St. Louis City Council; Raymos McMillon, manager, Mississippi Power Company; Mayor Tommy Longo, City of Waveland; Hal Lefwich, administrator, Hancock Medical Center; Toni Larroux, human resource specialist, GE Plastics; and Tim Kellar, chancery clerk, Hancock County.

Also, Paul D. Guichet, manager, Hancock Bank; Dr. Frank Conaway Jr., DMD; Ellis C. Cuevas, editor and publisher, The Sea Coast Echo; Jon E. Ritten, broker, Coldwell Banker/Coast Delta Realty; Hal W. Walters, director, Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission; Teri Wyly, attorney, Eaton and Cottrell; and Tad Black, councilman, City of Bay St. Louis.

And, Clare Dugger and Chuck Uletchey, Mississippi Power Company and Amy Gregory, executive director, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

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should be flexible enough to adjust to changing circumstances. Insufficient working capital can be hazardous. Plan your cash flow.

7. Know yourself and be willing to work day and night to make it work. Don't do it all yourself. Get moral support and the right kind of help to run your business. Professional consultants can help you tap the full resources of your business.

8. Carefully select your staff. They are the face customers put to your business. Reward them for a job well done.

9. Treat employees as individuals. Each has his/her own personality.

10. Read newspapers everyday; become familiar with the financial pages. Keep up to date so that you understand the big picture.

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Publishing: Mississippi Gulf Coast Apartment Guide

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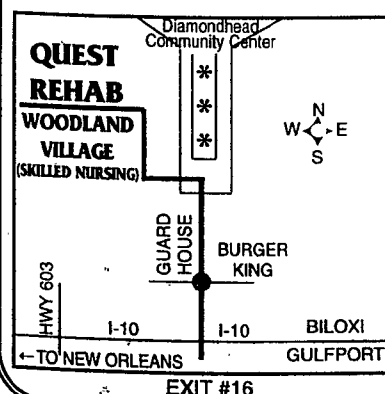
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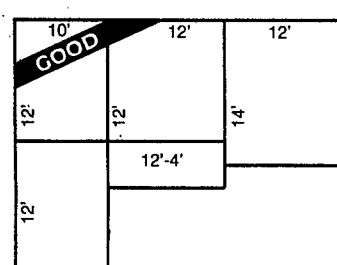
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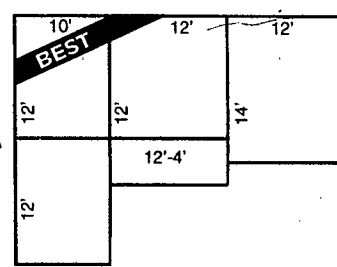
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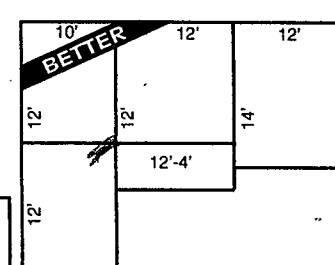
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